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MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1915.

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BOSTON TOUR.

BLANTYRE PICTURE HOUSE. — MacLeod Trio, Pictures.
HAMILTON VICTORIA HALL (rehearsal, 12). — Barney Armstrong presents "What's Yourst?" revue, Five Doritos.
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PAISLEY HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 12). — George D'Alberty, Norman Field, Dolly Ross, J. M. Hamilton and Nellie MacNab, Dee George Beck, Pictures, Gaby Revette.

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BIRMINGHAM GAIETY (rehearsal, 12). — Lew Lake and company in "The Bloomsbury Burglars," and "My Pal Jerry," "Millie Dagmar, Lowell Brothers, Ted Waite, Chas. Rich, Edie Veno, The Carina Trio.
SMETHWICK EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12). — The Zylbastrians, The Four Maxwells, and company booked.
WEDNESBURY KING'S (rehearsal, 12). — Belmer Brothers.
WEST BROMWICH NEW EMPIRE AND OPERA HOUSE (rehearsal, 11). — Messrs. Macdonald and Young's company in "The Dollar Princess."
WEST BROMWICH OLYMPIA (rehearsal, 12). — The Michaeloff Russian Trio.

LONDON SYNDICATE HALLS.

BRISTOL EMPRESS (rehearsal, 12). — Grock and His Partner, Ruth Maitland and Pic Edwards in "Your What?" Maie Ash and Fred Allendale, The Bell Hangers, Joe Archer, Helen Charles, The Bon Air Trio, Kitty Dale, Rcg Wentworth, Bioscope.
CHELSEA (rehearsal, 12). — R. G. Knowles, Graham Moffat's Co. in "The Concealed Bed," The McNaughtons, Dandy George, Harry Claff, Ash and Allendale, Bert Lytton, Lily and Sadie, Bioscope.
EAST HAM (rehearsal, 12). — The Irish Players, Sam Stern, Cissie Lawson and Co., Hill, Cherry and Hill, Derra De Morada, Kenna Bros., Maud Hughes, Murphy and Mack, Frank Lynne, Bioscope.
EUSTON (rehearsal, 12). — Harry Day presents "Business as usual," Phil Bransby, Ridiculous Recco, The Raymond Trio, Bioscope.
LONDON PAVILION (rehearsal, 11.30). — Jean Albert's revue "Honi Soit," The McNaughtons, Sam Stern, Emilie Hayes, Dick and Dorothy Trio, Bioscope.
METROPOLITAN (rehearsal, 12.15). — Two Rascals and Jacobson, King and Benson, Graham Moffat's Co. in "The Concealed Bed," Coleman and Alexandra, Helen Charles, The Two Tomboys, Bowman and Morton, Bioscope, Vera and Syd.
OXFORD (rehearsal, 12). — R. G. Knowles, De Bieri, Bert Cote and Co., Cooper Mitchell, The Vagabonds, Violet King, Brightie and Carlyon, Lapino Lane, Bioscope.
SOUTH LONDON (rehearsal, 12). — The Irish Players, The Great Wieland, Bob Pender's Marvels, The Shelleys, Musical Keiths, Tom Purslow, May Fayre, Bioscope, Phil Bransby, Zetta Mor.
TOTTENHAM (rehearsal, 2). — Sidney Burns and Co.'s company "Don't Tempt Me," Anna Hana, Herbert Lee Hartline, Mona Warwick, Bioscope.
WATFORD (rehearsal, 12). — Leslie Morston and Guyton Heath present "The Geisha."

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CAMBERWELL (rehearsal, 12). — Day's "Hullo! Everybody," Sophie Forrest, H. O. Wills, Four Royal Scots, Bioscope.
CLAPHAM (rehearsal, 12). — Day's revue, "Business as Usual," Pimpindons, Daisy Taylor, Elele Bower, pictures.
CROYDON (rehearsal, 12). — "The Radium Girl," Phil Ray, Chris. Baker, pictures, &c.
HAMMERSMITH (rehearsal, 12). — "Society's Remour," King and Benson, Farr and Farland, A. B. E. pictures, Jack Stocks.
HOLBOEN (rehearsal, 12). — Hetty King, E. Lotinga and company, Van Hoven, J. W. Rickaby, Mayne and Tate, Wish Wynne, Soho Trio, Royal Scots, O'Gorman Brothers, pictures, H. Herbert.
LEFORD (rehearsal, 12). — "Made in England," Frank Fox, Poluskis, pictures.
ISLINGTON (rehearsal, 12). — Poluskis, Fred Keeton, E. Lotinga and company, Maidie Scott, J. H. Wakefield, College Girls, Pasqualls, Dan Whitley, pictures.
KILBURN (rehearsal, 12). — Billy Merson, Wish Wynne, Whit-Cunliffe, Constance Drever, Freddy Hackin, Brierot's Transformation, Nora Delaney, Maidie Scott, Thorn and Leopold, K's Me. Sergeant, "Austin," Rudd, Thornley-Dodge, Kean and Waller, Bioscope.
PALLADIUM (rehearsal, 11.30). — Karno's "Hot and Cold," Geo. Robey, Ernest Hastings, Daisy James, Whit-Cunliffe, Kotenich Troupe, Bioscope, Speedwell.
POPLAR (rehearsal, 12). — Geo. Robey, Irma Lorraine, Bellman and Poluski, Jay Laurier, Lily Langtry, &c.
PUTNEY (rehearsal, 12.30). — Harris's revue, "Step Forward," Joe Elvin and Co., Arthur Young, Bessie Knight, pictures.
ROTHERHITHE (rehearsal, 12). — "Hurry Along, Please," Jay Laurier, Simosa San, pictures.
SHOREDITCH (rehearsal, 12.30). — "Merry Moments," J. W. Rickaby, Cromo and Hamilton, Fred Keeton, pictures.
WILLEDEN (rehearsal, 12.30). — Pinder's revue, "Miss Paris in London," Joe Elvin and Co., Radie Stuart, pictures.
WOOLWICH (rehearsal, 12). — "Splash Me," Chirgwin, Griffiths and Carmen, Belle Mora, pictures.

MACNAUGHTEN TOUR.

BLACKBURN. — Pictures, Laura Novea, Keir and Kempton, Conway and George, Arthur Lloyd, "Partners."
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CARLISLE. — Pictures, Gillette, Frank and Vesta, Record Quartette, Jubb and Jerome, Arthur Verno, Sosmans, Lily Fleckmore.
HALEFAX. — Pictures, The Tremmers, Hadyn Wood and Dorothy Court, Barrett and Elgar, Fred Conquest and Co., Audrey Cooper, Eric Clifford, Robb Gilmore, Virio.
HUDDERSFIELD. — Pictures, Launcelot Quinn, Randolph Sutton, Cole Cliffe, Ryewodes Trio, De Gonza and Lady, Athos Trio, Carl Hertz.
LEICESTER. — Pictures, "From Pekin to Paris" revue, and company as booked.

SOUTHAMPTON. — Pictures, Langley Brothers, Jack Richards, Five Cliftons, "The Slacker," Rob. Ivy and Lyn, De Busse, Bryant and Bryant, the Randies.
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BIRMINGHAM SUMMERHILL PALACE (rehearsal, 12). — The Pal Moors, Two Canadians, Lillian Unitt.
BRADFORD EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — George Formby, Gerlie Gitana, Bioscope, Aggie Nolan, Two Boys, Bros. Egbert, O'Mahony, Johnson Clark, Fred Barnes.
CARDIFF OLYMPIA (rehearsal, 12). — Cranby and Adams, Little Coney, and Hess Thorne.
EDINBURGH EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Shell Out, Bioscope, Forcett Tell.
FINSBURY PARK EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — "Push and Go" and Bioscope.
GLASGOW COLISEUM (rehearsal, 1). — "Go to Jericho," The Eldons, Joe and Willy, and J. H. Scotlan.
GLASGOW EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — "Peaches," Ray Wallace, Bioscope, Sisters Reeve, and Griffiths Bros.
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LEEDS EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — "The Million Dollar Girl," Bioscope, My Fancy, Adam Tomlinson, Will Tyler.
LIVERPOOL EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Marie Lloyd, George Carney, Mme. Glinka, Bioscope, Jack Whiteford, Aldon and Loupe, Gus Garrick, Gilday and Fox.
LIVERPOOL OLYMPIA (rehearsal, 1). — "Sugar and Spice," Albert Le Fre, Terry Twins, Jen Latona.
LONDON HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 1). — "Push and Go" and company as booked.
NEWCASTLE EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Fred Kitchen and Co., Bioscope, Zakaree Ermakov, Gladys Mavias, Daisy Wood, Will van Allen.
NEW CROSS EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — "Good Evening," Bioscope, Sinclair's Three Diamonds, "A Night in Society," and Jack Lane.
NEWPORT EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Tom Foy and Co., Zigzuner Quartette, Du Callon, Bioscope, Doris Duquesne, The Melody Makers, Sammy Shields, and Chas. Cohan.
NOTTINGHAM EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Jack and Evelyn, Sam Burton, Pierce and Roslyn, Harry Ford, Bioscope, Anna Dorothy, Macon and Bart, Bert Terrell and Evelyn and Clayton.
NOTTINGHAM GRAND THEATRE (rehearsal, 1). — "Her Sailor Lover."

SHEFFIELD EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Little Rich, Bioscope, Little Ena Dayne, Harry Bedford, Viviana's Toy Shop, Ike and Will Scott, Daisy Dornier, The Grumblers.
SOUTHSEA KING'S THEATRE (rehearsal, 1.30). — "Parlez Vous Français?" Bioscope, Marie Louise, Dan Rodney, Mabel Braine and Jessie Reeve.
SOUTH SHIELDS EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Wheeler and Wilson, Dave Bryant, The Morandis, "Odds On."

STOKE NEWINGTON ALEXANDRA THEATRE (rehearsal, 1). — Beanco, Florrie Elliston, and Rhoda and Rochelle.
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SUNDERLAND EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1). — Eddy Marlyn, Barry Payne, "Hello, Sunderland," and "Always Tell Your Wife," Wilkie Bard, Will Evans, Florence Smithson, G. H. Elliott, Chatman, The Three Prodiges, Eddie Howard, Bioscope.
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NEW MIDDLESEX (rehearsal, 11). — "Go Ahead," Arthur Ferriss, Sadie Daniels, Flora and Alberta, Bioscope.
SHEPHERD'S BUSH EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12). — Jimmy Godden, Frank Le Dent, Les Videos, Bioscope.
WOOD GREEN EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12.30). — The Goodalls, the Trio Belge, Cruikshank, Van Hoven, Pauline, Travis, Haley's Juveniles, Minnie Mace, Bioscope.

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BOSCOMBE HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 1.30). — "Mind the Step," Les Montez, New Macs, Lena Bluetie, pictures.
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 As a Man Sows.—Oct. 18, Pal., Gloucester.
 Asche, Oscar, and Lily Brayton.—Oct. 18, King's, Glasgow; 25, Ly., Edinburgh.
 Australian Nell.—Oct. 18, H., Wednesbury; 25, H., Bilston.
 Baby Mine.—Oct. 18, Oxford (3), St. Albans (3).
 Baby's Shoe.—Oct. 18, Pal., Tivoli, Aberdeen.
 Benares, F. R.—Oct. 18, Princes, Bristol; 25, Ly., Sheffield.
 Betty (South).—Oct. 18, T.R., Halifax; 25, Palace H., Burnley.
 Bourchier Co., Arthur.—Oct. 18, T.R., Manchester.
 Brave Women—Who Wait!—Oct. 18, Hippo, Wednesbury.
 Brewster's Millions.—Oct. 18, New, Oxford (3); 25, Guildford.
 Broadway Jones.—Oct. 18, T.R., Birmingham.
 Broken Rosary.—Oct. 18, Princes, Bradford.
 Burning Forest.—Oct. 18, Tivoli, Aberdeen.
 Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs.—Oct. 18, Queen's, Dublin.
 Charles, Aunt.—Oct. 18, H.M., Dundee; 25, H.M., Aberdeen.
 Chinese Honeymoon.—Oct. 18, Grand, Oldham.
 Cinema Star.—Oct. 18, Grand, Hull.
 Claudian.—Oct. 18, T.R., Sheffield; 25, Met., Bective.
 Coastguard's Daughter.—Oct. 18, T.R., Barnsley.
 Country Girl.—Oct. 18, T.R., Bournemouth.
 Dancing Mistress.—Oct. 18, Grand, Luton; 25, O.H., Dudley.
 David Garrick.—Oct. 18, H., Hamilton.
 Day Before the Day.—Oct. 18, Scala, Seacombe.
 Devil's Rosary.—Oct. 18, Met., Manchester.
 Diplomacy.—Oct. 18, T.R., Blackburn; 25, Grand, Blackpool.
 D'Oyly Carte Opera Co.—Oct. 18, Wimbledon, S.W.; 25, H., Leicester.
 East Lynne (Pitt-Hardacre).—Oct. 18, H., Leek.
 Eliza Comes to Stay (Payne Seddon).—Oct. 18, H., Darlington; 25, O.H., Burnley.
 Face at the Window.—Oct. 18, T.R., Barnsley.
 Fatal Wedding.—Oct. 18, T.R., Leicester.
 Flag Lieutenant.—Oct. 18, Emp., Kiburn, N.W.
 Florida.—Oct. 18, Hastings (3), Eastbourne (3).
 Florencia (No. 1).—Oct. 18, T.R., Brighton; 25, Marlborough T. N.
 Frontier Queen.—Oct. 18, Playhouse.
 Gamblers All.—Oct. 18, T.R., Nottingham.
 Gamblers All.—Oct. 18, T.R., Nottingham.
 Gates of Mercy.—Oct. 18, Rotunda, Liverpool; 25, Grand, Halifax.
 Gay Parisienne.—Oct. 18, T.R., Worcester; 25, County, Shrewsbury.
 Gentleman in Khaki.—Oct. 18, T.R., Woolwich; 25, Emp., Edmonstone, N.
 Gibbon, Evan, Rev. Co.—Oct. 18, Pal., Glyn-Neath.
 Gipsy Love and Merry Widow (West Co.).—Oct. 18, Empire, Swindon; 25, New, Pentypid.
 Girl from Nowhere.—Oct. 18, Pal., Pontefract.
 Girl from Utah.—Oct. 18, T.R., Stourbridge (3).
 Girl from Utah (Shaw).—Oct. 18, Stourbridge (3).
 Malvern (3); 25, Lincoln (3), King's Lynn (3).
 Girl in Every Port.—Oct. 18, Regent, Yarmouth.
 Girl in the Taxi.—Oct. 18, Midsummer Norton, Radstock, Yeovil, Wells.
 Girl in the Taxi (Red).—Oct. 18, T.R., Bath.
 Girl in the Taxi (Vine).—Oct. 18, Playhouse, Llan-hilleth.
 Girl in the Train.—Oct. 18, King's, Sunderland; 25, T.R., Glasgow.
 Girl on the Film.—Oct. 18, Abertillery (3), Stourbridge (3); 25, H., Nuneaton.
 Girl Who Broke Her Mother's Heart.—Oct. 18, King's, Kilmarnock; 25, Met., Glasgow.
 Glad Eye.—Oct. 18, Emp., Penze.
 Great Adventure.—Oct. 18, Grand, Blackpool.
 Grumpy (Charles Windermere's Co.).—Oct. 18, Gaiety, Ayr; 25, Ly., Dumfries.
 Grumpy (Cyril Maude's Co.).—Oct. 18, Court, Liverpool; 25, T.R., Birmingham.
 Harrison Frewin Opera Co.—Oct. 18, Alexandra T., Birmingham; 25, O.H., St. Helens.
 Harvey, Martin.—Oct. 18, Grand, Leeds.
 Headmaster.—Oct. 18, Leamington (3), Shrewsbury (3).
 Her Cross or Crown.—Oct. 18, Pav., Liverpool.
 Heritage of Hate.—Oct. 18, Queen's, Poplar.
 Hindle Wakes.—Oct. 18, Grand, Nottingham; 25, Pal., Gloucester.
 His House in Order.—Oct. 18, King's, Hammer-smith, W.
 His Mother's Boy.—Oct. 18, T.R., Oldham.
 His Mother's Rosary.—Oct. 18, Pav., Ashington.
 His Mother's Rosary (Bliss).—Oct. 18, Grand, Penze; 25, Pav., Pontnewydd.
 Indian Girl's Devotion.—Oct. 18, T.R., Worthing.
 In Her White Innocence.—Oct. 18, Richmond.
 In Time of War.—Oct. 18, Brixton T. S.W.
 It's a Long Way to Tipperary.—Oct. 18, Junction Manchester.
 It's a Long Way to Tipperary (B).—Oct. 18, Hippo, Scarborough.
 It's a Long Way to Tipperary (Little).—Oct. 18, King's, Kirkcaldy.
 Jenny O'moyd.—Oct. 18, Cradley; 25, Scala, Seacombe.
 John Raymond's Daughter.—Oct. 18, Grand, Halifax; 25, Pal., Rochdale.
 Joy, Sister of Mercy.—Oct. 18, Pav., Pentypid; 25, Emp., Tonypandy.
 Kings and Queens.—Oct. 18, Grand, Southampton.
 Kismet.—Oct. 18, H., Ipswich.
 Kiss Cure.—Oct. 25, Palace Pier, Brighton.
 Lady Windermere's Fan.—Oct. 18, Perth.
 Land of Promise.—Oct. 18, O.H., Middlesbrough; 25, Dalston, N.E.
 Laughter of Fools.—Oct. 18, O.H., Cheltenham.
 Laurence, Leonard, Co.—Oct. 18, T.R., Exeter.
 Link that Binds.—Oct. 18, Pontypool.
 Little Grey Home in the West (North).—Oct. 18, Palace, Bordesley.
 Little Grey Home in the West (South).—Oct. 18, County, Reading; 25, O.H., Torquay.
 Little Michus.—Oct. 18, New, Salisbury.
 Maid of the Mill.—Oct. 18, Vic., Walthamstow.
 Man Who Stayed at Home (Taylor Platt).—Oct. 18, O.H., Torquay; 25, T.R., Bath.
 Man Who Stayed at Home (Vedrenne and Eddie).—Oct. 18, T.R., Bradford; 25, Grand, Leeds.
 Marriage Market.—Oct. 18, T.R., Ashton-under-Lyne.
 Mary from Tipperary.—Oct. 18, P.H., Runcorn; 25, Pav., Northwich.
 Mary Latimer.—Oct. 18, Emp., Grantham.
 Mill Girl's Wedding.—Oct. 18, H., Keighley; 25, T.R., Bristol.
 Miss Lancashire, Limited.—Oct. 18, H., Rugby; 25, Emp., Barnsley.
 Moody-Manners Opera Co.—Oct. 18, T.R., Barry; 25, Pal., Bordesley.
 Morals of Marcus.—Oct. 18, H., Salford.
 Motherless.—Oct. 18, T.R., Eastleigh.
 Mother Mine.—Oct. 18, Princes, Portsmouth; 25, Grand, Brighton.
 Mr. Wu.—Oct. 18, Bedford.
 Mr. Wu.—Oct. 18, Borough, Stratford.
 Norris Repertory Co.—Oct. 18, Grand, Accrington; 25, H., Batley.
 Oh! I Say.—Oct. 18, Lyceum, Newport.
 Oh! I Say.—Oct. 18, Paisley.
 Oh! Oh! Delphin.—Oct. 18, O.H., Leicester.
 Old Home.—Oct. 18, H., Altrincham.
 On Trial.—Oct. 18, H., Sheffield; 25, Princes, Manchester.
 Outcast.—Oct. 18, W.G., New Brighton.
 Pair of Silk Stockings.—Oct. 25, Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.
 Passers By.—Oct. 18, Pier, Eastbourne; 25, Grand, Doncaster.
 Passing of the Third Floor Back.—Oct. 18, Royalty, Barrow-in-Furness; 25, Royalty, Salisbury.
 Pearl Girl.—Oct. 18, Pal., Burnley.
 Peg o' My Heart.—Oct. 18, Met., Bective.
 Peg o' My Heart (Bliss).—Oct. 18, O.H., Burnley; 25, T.R., Blackburn.
 Peg o' My Heart (Red).—Oct. 18, O.H., Belfast; 25, P.O.W., Birmingham.
 Pitman's Daughters.—Oct. 18, T.R., Macclesfield; 25, Met., Manchester.
 Polish and Perlmutter (Blue Co.).—Oct. 18, T.R., Huddersfield; 25, T.R., Bolton.

Potash and Perlmutter (Red).—Oct. 18, Ly., Edinburgh; 25, T.R., Newcastle.
 Potash and Perlmutter (Windermere).—Oct. 18, Grand, Leigh.
 Pride of the Roses.—Oct. 18, T.R., Dewsbury.
 Prince and the Beggar Maid.—Oct. 18, Emp., Edmonstone.
 Princess and the Soldier.—Oct. 18, King's, Manchester.
 Prodigal Son.—Oct. 18, Grand, Stockton-on-Tees; 25, Olympia, Merton (Darham).
 Prodigal Son.—Oct. 18, Dalston, N.E.
 Pygmalion.—Oct. 18, O.H., Southport; 25, King's, Sunderland.
 Quaker Girl.—Oct. 18, Tonypandy.
 Queen Mother.—Oct. 18, T.R., Smethwick.
 Quinny.—Oct. 18, O.H., Northampton; 25, T.R., Nottingham.
 Raffles.—Oct. 18, Queen's, London.
 Raynor Rep. Co.—Oct. 18, H., Salford.
 Remember Belgium.—Oct. 18, Princes, Blackburn.
 Ridding Opera Co.—Oct. 18, Emp., Worksop.
 Rosary (Personal).—Oct. 18, T.R., Chatham; 25, Grand, Croydon.
 Rosary (No. 1 B).—Oct. 18, Shrewsbury, Stafford; 25, T.R., Barnsley.
 Sealed Orders.—Oct. 18, T.R., Hanley; 25, Gaiety, Dublin.
 Searchlights.—Oct. 18, Artillery, Woolwich.
 Soggarth Aroon.—Oct. 18, Grand, Croydon.
 Soldier's Rosary.—Oct. 18, Grand, Brighton.
 Somebody Knows, Somebody Cares.—Oct. 18, Grand, Lancaster.
 Somewhere a Voice is Calling.—Oct. 18, G., Doncaster.
 Son of a Soldier.—Oct. 25, Alex., Birmingham.
 Speckled Band.—Oct. 18, Pal., Chippendale (3).
 Still Alarm.—Oct. 18, T.R., Peterborough; 25, Pal., Bradford.
 Story of the Rosary (North).—Oct. 18, T.R., Leeds; 25, H., Stockton-on-Tees.
 Story of the Rosary (South).—Oct. 18, Emp., Rotherham; 25, O.H., Coventry.
 Story of the Rosary (Sunderland).—Oct. 18, Kennington T. S.E.; 25, T.R., Portsmouth.
 Tantalising Tommy.—Oct. 18, West Pier, Brighton.
 Three Spoonfuls.—Oct. 18, T.R., Aldershot.
 Unmarried Mother.—Oct. 18, T.R., Bristol.
 Up, Boys, and at 'em.—Oct. 18, Met., Glasgow.
 What Happened at Midnight.—Oct. 18, Grand, Lancaster.
 What the Butler Saw.—Oct. 18, O.H., Burton-on-Trent.
 When We Were Twenty-One.—Oct. 18, T.R., New-castle-on-Tyne.
 White Girl Slave.—Oct. 18, Emp., Middleton; 25, O.H., Burton-on-Trent.
 Why Did She Run Away?—Oct. 18, H., Huddersfield; 25, T.R., Liverpool.
 Within the Law.—Oct. 18, T.R., Glasgow.
 Woman Pays Back.—Oct. 18, Col., Hyde.
 Woman Who Did Tell.—Oct. 18, T.R., South Shields.

REVUES.

All Aboard.—Oct. 18, Granville, Waltham Green, S.W.
 All Eyes.—Oct. 18, Emp., Edinburgh; 25, Emp., Newcastle.
 All Scotch.—Oct. 18, Emp., Middlesbrough.
 All Trumps.—Oct. 18, Imperial, Canning Town.
 All Women.—Oct. 18, Emp., Stratford, E.
 Away Down South.—Oct. 18, Pal., Glossop.
 Beauty Spot.—Oct. 18, Tivoli, New Brighton; 25, Ly., Govan.
 Brides.—Oct. 18, H., Boscombe.
 Business as Usual.—Oct. 18, Surrey, S.E.
 Business as Usual.—Oct. 18, Palace, Hull; 25, Euston, W.C.
 Charlie Chaplin Mad.—Oct. 18, Col., Glasgow.
 D.D.D.—Oct. 18, H., Woking; 25, Pav., Weymouth.
 Did You Ever?—Oct. 18, Col., Huddersfield.
 Don't Be Silly.—Oct. 18, Gateshead; 25, Darlington.
 Don't Crush.—Oct. 18, Emp., Birmingham.
 Dutch Hussars.—Oct. 18, Pav., Glasgow; 25, Pav., Ayr.
 Ever Been Had?—Oct. 18, Pal., Leicester.
 Fads and Fancies.—Oct. 18, Emp., New Cross, S.E.
 Fine Feathers.—Oct. 18, Empire, York.
 For King and Country.—Oct. 18, W.G., Blackpool.
 From Pekin to Paris.—Oct. 18, Lincoln.
 Get Away, You Boys.—Oct. 18, H., Leeds; 25, Pal., Bath.
 Go Ahead.—Oct. 18, Pal., East Ham.
 Good and Gay.—Oct. 18, Queen's, Leeds.
 Going Strong.—Oct. 18, Euston, W.C.
 Got 'em.—Oct. 18, Emp., Dublin.
 Go to Jericho.—Oct. 18, T.R., Edinburgh.
 Heave O.—Oct. 18, H., Preston.
 Honeymoon Express.—Oct. 18, Palace, Chelsea, S.W.
 Hot and Cold.—Oct. 18, Palladium, W.; 25, Palladium, W.
 Hullo! Everybody.—Oct. 18, Olympia, Shoreditch.
 Hello! West Hartlepool.—Oct. 18, Emp., West Hartlepool.
 Irish and Proud of It.—Oct. 18, Stockport; 25, T.R., Ashton.
 It's the Goods.—Oct. 18, Pal., Chatham.
 Keep to the Right.—Oct. 18, H., Liverpool; 25, Pal., Manchester.
 Kiss Me, Sergeant.—Oct. 18, H., Portsmouth.
 Ladies First.—Oct. 18, H., Newcastle.
 Lancashire, and Proud of It.—Oct. 18, Stockport; 25, Warrington.
 Le Petite Cabaret.—Oct. 18, Hippo, Chatham.
 Little Miss Ragtime.—Oct. 18, Blackpool.
 Love Birds.—Oct. 18, New Middlesex, W.C.
 Lovely Limit, The.—Oct. 18, Pal., Plymouth.
 Made in England.—Oct. 18, H., Putney.
 Merry Moments.—Oct. 18, Pal., Hammersmith; 25, Olympia, Shoreditch.
 Million Dollar Girl.—Oct. 18, Emp., Sunderland.
 Mind the Step.—Oct. 18, H., Lewisham.
 Mind Your Own Business.—Oct. 18, Stockton; 25, Liverpool.
 Miracle Maid.—Oct. 18, Pal., Blackburn.
 Miss Lamb of Canterbury.—Oct. 18, Pav., Weymouth.
 Miss Paris in London.—Oct. 18, H., Rotherhithe.
 Miss Tit Bits.—Oct. 18, Emp., Newton Abbot.
 Money for Nothing.—Oct. 18, Regent, Salford.
 Odds On.—Oct. 18, Emp., Newcastle.
 Oh! So Dainty.—Oct. 18, H., Hoyland; 25, Grand, Lancaster.
 Parlez Vous Français.—Oct. 18, Grand, Clapham, S.W.
 Partners.—Oct. 18, H., Ilford.
 Passing Events.—Oct. 18, Emp., Newport; 25, Grand, Birmingham.
 Peaches.—Oct. 18, Emp., Liverpool.
 Pick Me Up.—Oct. 18, Grand, Birmingham.
 Play the Game.—Oct. 18, H., Margate.
 Push and Go.—Oct. 18, Pal., Manchester.
 Redheads.—Oct. 18, Pal., Warrington.
 Search Me.—Oct. 18, H., Willemsen, N.W.
 September Morn.—Oct. 18, Pav., Newcastle-on-Tyne; 25, H., Hulme.
 She.—Oct. 18, Royal, Seaham Harbour.
 Shell Out.—Oct. 18, Emp., Glasgow.
 She's a Daisy.—Oct. 18, Victoria Palace, S.W.
 S'hus.—Oct. 18, Pal., Newcastle.
 S'nice.—Oct. 18, Cheltenham.
 S'nice.—Oct. 18, Palladium, Southport.
 So Long, Lucy.—Oct. 18, Pal., Walford.
 Something Doing.—Oct. 18, Pal., Southampton.
 S'only a Rumour.—Oct. 25, Pal., Hammersmith.
 Splash Me.—Oct. 18, Pal., Walthamstow.
 Splendour.—Oct. 18, H., Poplar.
 Sugar and Spice.—Oct. 18, Emp., Belfast; 25, Emp., Liverpool.
 Think of Me.—Oct. 18, H., Middlesbrough.
 This is the Life.—Oct. 18, King's, Edinburgh.
 Top Hole.—Oct. 18, Grand, Radcliffe.
 Venus, Ltd.—Oct. 18, Emp., Finsbury Park, N.
 Violet and Pink.—Oct. 18, Collins's, N.
 Well, I Never!—Oct. 18, O.H., Harrogate; 25, Ly., Llanelli.
 We're Getting Busy.—Oct. 25, Seamore Pal., Glasgow.
 What's Yours?—Oct. 18, H., Paisley.
 When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.—Oct. 18, Pal., Northampton; 25, T.R., Aston.
 Year in an Hour.—Oct. 18, Emp., Belfast.
 You're Pulling My Leg.—Oct. 18, H., Golders Green, N.W.

At the Aldwych "The Prodigal Son" will still be played every evening at 7.30, and in addition Mr. J. Bannister Howard has arranged to give afternoon performances every Thursday, as well as the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

"STOP THIEF!"

Farce Comedy, in Three Acts, by Carlyle Moore, Produced, for the First Time in England, at the Theatre Royal, York, on Thursday, Oct. 14.

Joan Carr Miss Margaret Swallow
 Mrs. Carr Miss Marie Illington
 Caroline Carr Miss Cicely Temple
 Madge Carr Miss Elsie Stranack
 Nell Miss Gertrude Lang
 William Carr Mr. Frederick Volpe
 James Clancy Mr. Marsh Allen
 Mr. Jamison Mr. Sydney Paxton
 Dr. Willoughby Mr. C. Hayden Coffin
 Rev. Mr. Spelain Mr. J. H. Brewer
 Jack Doogan Mr. Percy Hutchinson
 Joe Thompson Mr. F. C. Thurstons
 Sergeant of Police Mr. Frank Lacy
 Police Officer O'Malley Mr. Fred Forrest
 Police Officer Clancy Mr. Henry Daniell
 Police Officer Casey Mr. William Albert
 Police Officer O'Brien Mr. Henry Salver
 Chaffeur Mr. M. Proctor

An event in the playgoing history of York took place at the Theatre Royal on Thursday, when Mr. Percy Hutchinson, the popular lessee, produced for the first time in England the well-known American farce comedy, "Stop Thief!" previous to its introduction to London at the New Theatre to-morrow. "Stop Thief!" proved to be a diverting farce, without a dull moment, and it was enthusiastically received by a crowded audience.

The scene opens at the residence of Mr. William Carr, of Providence, Rhode Island. On the day of his daughter Madge's marriage two notorious thieves, by subterfuge, succeed in gaining admittance to his residence—Nell as the bride's lady's maid, and Jack Doogan—her lover—as a bogus detective. The fun commences with the disappearance of a valuable ring which Mr. Carr had bought his daughter for a wedding present. The empty box is subsequently found by the bridegroom in the pocket of his overcoat, which leads the best man, Dr. Willoughby, to believe that his friend is addicted to kleptomania. With the advent of Jack Doogan, Nell's accomplice, articles disappear in a most mysterious manner, which forces Mrs. Carr to think that her absent-minded husband is responsible, as he had previously been suspected of kleptomane tendencies.

In the second act Jack Doogan, who has now been introduced to the family by the bridegroom as his old college friend, continues on his nefarious career, all manner of valuables disappearing in a most amazing fashion, until the two suspected kleptomane are dismayed and bewildered at their supposed crimes. In order to divert suspicion, Doogan places some of the stolen articles in the pockets of the guests and in other embarrassing places.

The "Crooks" are cleverly unmasked in the third act, but in order to prevent a scandal the family refrain from placing them under arrest on condition that they will "go straight" in future. This they agree to do. All the lovers decide to be married at once, and everything is eventually settled to the satisfaction of all.

The company has been carefully selected. The leading role of Jack Doogan was invested by Mr. Percy Hutchinson with that skill and breeziness which has made him so popular. Nell was cleverly portrayed by Miss Gertrude Lang, and Miss Elsie Stranack was charming as Madge Carr. Mr. Frederick Volpe as the absent-minded William Carr caused much amusement, in the provision of which Miss Marie Illington as the slightly deaf wife had a large share. Mr. C. Hayden Coffin as a doctor had quite the professional manner; as the bridegroom, Mr. Marsh Allen has plenty of scope for his undoubted abilities, and he fully deserved the hearty applause he received. Miss Margaret Swallow was eminently successful in the rôle of Joan Carr. All the minor parts were exceptionally well placed, Mr. J. H. Brewer as the Rev. Mr. Spelain being deserving of a special word of praise.

"Stop Thief!" is preceded by the musical farce, "The Best Man," with Mr. Hayden Coffin and Miss Elsie Spain in the parts formerly associated with their names.

DEATH OF MR. MORRIS ABRAHAMS.

One of the most popular theatrical caterers for the East End of London has passed away in the person of Mr. Morris Abrahams, who died at his house at Hove on Friday at the ripe age of 84. When only three years old he made his first appearance in public at his father's music hall in Hanover-square, Manchester, standing on the piano to sing.

After embarking on the career of a comic singer—at twenty-eight shillings a week—young Morris appeared with Mr. Joe Hobson at Leeds, and in due course got an invitation to London, making his first appearance at the Grapes, afterwards called the Winchester, in Southwark. The Crimean War was then in progress, and Mr. Abrahams was fortunate in the composition and nightly performance of a song entitled "The War Cry of Alma," which soon became the "rage." After that his services were secured for a more pretentious hall in Euston-square; then came an engagement at Phillips' Music Hall, Commercial-road; then to the Cider Cellars, where the fashionable youth went in large numbers after the opera.

In two years he had saved sufficient money to purchase the Biffingham Saloon, which he greatly improved, and which afterwards became the East London Theatre. Early successes here were "A Quarter of a Million of Money" and "Only a Shilling," produced by his trusted friend and colleague for many years, the late Mr. Isaac Cohen. Here many artists who afterwards came to the West End made their appearance, notably the Vokes Family, then children, the late Miss Kate Vaughan, Madame Soldene, Mr. Arthur Williams, Miss Lottie Collins, and Mr. G. H. Macdermott.

When Mr. John Douglas's lease of the Pavilion came to an end, Mr. Morris Abrahams took possession of that theatre, which became known as the Drury Lane of the East, and for many years presented a number of popular plays. He was also associated with the Oriental (or Albion), now the Queen's, Poplar, with which the Abrahams family have been connected for over forty years.

The funeral took place at Ditching Jewish Cemetery on Monday, from Irving House, 41, Lansdowne-place, Hove. Mr. C. I. Colton represented the Actors' Benevolent Fund, of which deceased was a most zealous supporter, having been on the committee since the inception of the fund. Among the mourners were Joe and Fred Abrahams (sons), Alfred and Lewis Abrahams (brothers), Jack Woolf (son-in-law), E. Woolf, E. Woolf, junr., A. Philip, Ben-Costa, Morris Dorie, Morris De Frece, Ernest Cohen, M. de Costa, Mr. Flatau, Mr. Alexander, Alderman Marks, Henry de Frece, Barnett Woolf, Louis Woolf, and L. Reeves. Floral tributes were sent by the servants, Mr. and Mrs. E. Woolf, the Actors' Benevolent Fund, Nurse Dickson, Mr. Burgess, and others.

Gerald Fitz, formerly business manager for Frank Van Hoven, has joined the Great Leon, and will sail for America early next month to play an engagement there on the big time.

"BAULDY."

Scottish Comedy, in Three Acts, by A. Patrick Wilson, Produced at the Palace Theatre, Arbroath, on Monday, Oct. 11.

Archibald MacGregor

Mr. Watson Hume Moffat
 Tom Wilson Mr. Will Ellithorpe
 Nellie MacFarlane Miss Margaret Tuckie
 Mary MacGregor Miss Vi Moffat
 Martha Doyle Miss Maisie Florence
 Andra Houston Mr. Fred C. Webster
 John Morrison Mr. Dickson Moffat
 Anne Wilson Miss Emily Seabright
 William Paterson Mr. Reid Simpson
 Holmes Paterson Miss Mary Campbell
 The author of "Bauldy" has shown a keen appreciation of character, all the parts in his delightful play being cleverly drawn.

Archibald MacGregor, known as Bauldy to the villagers, is a middle-aged grocer and bachelor in the village of Kirkholm. His sister Mary, a spinster, a few years younger than himself, has been his housekeeper since first he started business. Mary has a "help" in Nellie MacFarlane, whom she has adopted. Bauldy is assisted in his work by his nephew, young Tom Wilson, the son of a married sister, Anne Wilson, now a widow. Bauldy and his sister have often small tiffs. These are, however, soon over, and the disturbers of the harmony of the home are Wm. Paterson and his sister Helen. Paterson's object in visiting his native village is the selection of a second wife, and Anne, his old sweetheart, is delighted. Her happiness is, however, short-lived, for the villagers tell Bauldy that they have seen his sister Mary, dressed in her Sunday best, going to meet Paterson. The worm of jealousy enters the hearts of Bauldy and Anne, and the peace of the home is upset. If Mary is to marry Paterson, Bauldy is advised that, to protect himself, he should propose to Paterson's sister Helen, and the first act finishes with everyone at loggerheads.

Act 2 finds Bauldy, lonely and unhappy, in his shop. Tom's mother has refused to allow her son to work for Bauldy any longer, and Mary and he are not on speaking terms. His sister also refuses to allow Nellie to help him in any way. Overhearing a conversation between Paterson and Mary, Bauldy thinks Paterson is proposing. Shortly after, Helen Paterson arrives to buy some picture postcards. She is joined by John Morrison, the joiner, who, having heard that she is worth £5,000, decides to propose to her. During the absence of Bauldy, by means of a conversation between him and his answer to the Sunday. Then Anne Wilson arrives, and angrily demands from Bauldy her son's wages. Finally Bauldy makes up his mind to propose to Helen Paterson himself, and awkwardly does so, promising to place at her disposal the biggest banking account in the village. Mary promises to give him her answer also on Sunday afternoon, and the bewildered Bauldy, left alone, sinks into a chair, asking himself, "Is this a grocer's shop, or a matrimonial agency?"

In the third act we are back again in the parlour. Tom and Nellie decide to get married. It is Sunday. Bauldy, who couldn't go to the kirk because of a touch of rheumatism, learns from Mary, on her return, that the text was, "Take wisdom for thy sister, and understanding for thy kinswoman, that they may keep thee from the strange woman." Bauldy wants to know if the minister didn't suggest keeping thee from the strange man, and thus starts their quarrel again. Mary is joined by Paterson and Anne, who confide to her that they have become engaged. Mary is delighted, because her brother will now believe that there was nothing really serious between her and Paterson. Bauldy, on his return, is also overjoyed, but suddenly remembers that he has implicated himself with Helen Paterson. Shortly after, John Morrison arrives, and discovers that Helen hasn't a half-

penny in the world. He also learns that Bauldy has proposed to Helen. There is an angry scene, and eventually Helen arrives and introduces Andra Houston as her future husband. The minds of Mary and Bauldy being by now thoroughly at rest, Bauldy decides to retire, and make over his house and shop, on the day of the triple wedding, to young Tom Wilson and Nellie, Mary and he agreeing to end their days together in a smaller cottage with a larger garden, where "the spell is good for growing roses."

Mr. Watson Hume Moffat, in his impersonation of Bauldy, has added one more delightful character study to his long list of successes. Mr. Dickson Moffat as John Morrison also made a hit. Mr. Will Ellithorpe as Tom Wilson played with a true appreciation of the author's idea. Mr. F. C. Webster as Andra Houston was excellent, while Mr. Reid Simpson gave a finished impersonation. Miss Vi Moffat as Mary MacGregor was well fitted, and her changes from her "nippy" moments to more kindly and affectionate ones were cleverly done. Miss Mary Campbell admirably realised the part of Helen Paterson, and Miss Margaret Tuckie was a delightfully youthful and vivacious Nellie MacFarlane. Miss Emily Seabright gave quite the correct reading of Anne Wilson. A fine piece of character acting was the Martha Doyle of Miss Maisie Florence. The greatest credit is due to Mr. Dickson Moffat, whose care and experience were visible throughout the performance. Indeed, the Moffats have every reason to be satisfied with this addition to their repertoire.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ONE OF THE SUFFERERS.—We could not possibly put your letter in.

X. Y. Z.—We are unable to discover the venue among the list of those running.

LYNDALL.—She was born in a Moravian village, and her real name is Hedvig Navratil.

R. W. LEE.—Miss Bessie Wentworth, the comic songstress, died on Jan. 6, 1901. We do not answer correspondents by post.

W. T. G.—Under the Copyright Act of 1911 the copyright exists directly you have completed the work. We are speaking, of course, of the law as it applies to the United Kingdom.

JOHN STONE.—In the original cast of "Cigarette," produced at the Lyric, Sept. 7, 1902, Madame Jessie Bradford played the part of Clarissa, Miss Florence Bankhardt being the Cigarette.

M. P.—We do not consider ourselves in a good position to advise you, as we know nothing of the strength of your club or of the ability of its members. We have seen "The Ticket of Leave Men" creditably played by amateurs, and should think you might try it.

A record season at the Kursaal Theatre, Bognor, was brought to a happy conclusion on Thursday, the 7th, when an entertainment, organised by Mr. E. B. Gilbert, the stage-manager, and rendered exclusively by members of the working staff, was presented to a packed audience in Pierrotland, kindly lent by the management. Mr. Gilbert, in addition to playing lead in the minstrel performance, and also in the sketch, "Wanted, a Smart Boy," from his own pen, further showed his versatility by songs, recitations and a hurricane tambourine act.

At the fall of the curtain the entire company adjourned to the Belgrave Restaurant to partake of supper. Speeches followed, with presentations. To Mr. Tate, the proprietor, was given a pair of solid silver candlesticks, together with two framed portraits of the staff, in stage costume and in muff. Mr. Thos. Courice, the manager, received a beautifully fitted attaché case, while Mr. Gilbert was the recipient of a Thermos flask. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to Mr. W. H. Stenott and to Mr. E. W. Cayzer.

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ROYAL—P. Messrs. Howard and Wyndham M. Mr. Harry P. Ashton.—This week's attraction is the popular drama, "Within the Law." The company is a well chosen one, worthy of special mention being Messrs. R. Hardey Thomas, Lester Barrie, Herbert Finlay, and George Browne; and Miss Georgina Wynter.

Members. J. W. Wilkinson (Amos), Theon Constantine (Perry), Gerald Blake (Fisher), A. George Fenn (Morrison), Miss Lillian O. Williams (Mrs. Perry), Miss Agnes Maude (Mrs. Bloodgood), Miss Lillian Arnold (Mrs. Halton), and Miss Lucy Edwin (Lettie).

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THEATRICAL GOSSIP

The London stage is shortly to lose its leading light for a time, Sir Herbert Tree having accepted a tempting offer to go to America. So soon as the new play "Mavourneen" has been started on its way, Sir Herbert will sail for New York, there to present a series of revivals of Shakespeare. If he presents them in as sumptuous a manner as he has done at His Majesty's there is no reason to doubt that the revivals will prove a revelation to Transatlantic playgoers.

Sir Herbert's activities in America will not end in the theatre proper, for he has yielded to a tempting request to pose in picture plays, and will appear as the central figure in a number of films to be prepared by an important firm in Los Angeles. Shakespeare will again supply Sir Herbert's principal material, "Richard III." being already decided upon for cinema purposes.

Meanwhile "Mavourneen" is preparing to lay siege to the hearts of the public at His Majesty's, starting next Saturday at 7.30. It was during the production of his Masque at the Drury Lane Charity Performance in aid of the American Women's War Hospital, when Miss Lily Elsie recited a little poem of his, "Are You Coming, Mr. Atkins?" that Mr. Parker was struck with the eagerness and magnetic charm of her performance. It so happened that this appearance was also witnessed by Sir Herbert Tree, who at once expressed to Miss Elsie a desire that she should appear at His Majesty's, with a result that cannot be too highly praised.

Mr. Joseph Harker has painted some very beautiful settings for the play, which include a room in the ruined Castle of the O'Briens in Ireland; a courtyard in an old Drury-lane Inn; a Hall in Whitehall Palace; and the Pantries in Tunbridge Wells. The fact that Mr. Percy Macquid has designed the costumes and settings assures correctness.

The music heard during the play will be traditional airs and dance tunes from works of contemporary musicians—Lully, Mathew Locke, Compo-in-Ordinary to Charles II., Henry Lawes, and John Jenkins. The entr'acte music will be drawn from modern English and French composers who have written in the idiom of the period. An interesting item will be Peppys' own composition, "Beauty Retire," which will be sung by the diarist, personified by Mr. Edward Sass, in the Tunbridge Wells scene.

Never do we remember in recent years such a dearth of actor-managers in London. Many of them are in America or preparing to go thence. Sir J. Forbes Robertson resumed at Richmond, Virginia, his farewell American tour, comprising all the cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific hitherto unvisited. Mr. Granville Barker has begun a second American season at Washington with "Androcles and the Lion," and Mr. Cyril Maude, who has been in America for the greater part of the war period, will continue his stay indefinitely. Moreover, Mr. Arthur Bourchier, who comes up from Manchester to assist at the Sunday League concerts on the 24th, will, we are asked to say, make his solitary appearance in London until next July.

Happily we have still some actor-managers with us. Sir George Alexander is beating "The Big Drum" to excellent purpose at the St. James's, and Mr. H. B. Irving will, to all appearances, win handsomely with "The Case of Lady Camber" at the Savoy. Mr. Gerald Du Maurier, Mr. Fred Terry, Mr. Dennis Badie, and Mr. Geo. Grossmith, with Miss Lena Ashwell reinstated in her own kingdom—or should we say Kingsway?—are also combining to keep the actor-managerial flag flying in the metropolis.

The list will be added to to-morrow, when Mr. Percy Hutchinson presents "Stop Thief!" at the New, with himself in the chief character. Our notice of the first English production, which took place at York on Monday, appears in another column.

About Christmas the managerial lists will again be entered by Mr. Matheson Lang, who will then begin another season in the West-End. His inaugural production will be a new romantic play by Mr. William Devereux, author of "Henry of Navarre," entitled "The Sword-player." The piece, the action of which takes place in France in the time of Henry of Navarre, is pure romance with an infusion of comedy. During his season Mr. Lang will present his new production of "The Merchant of Venice," which has recently been seen in the suburbs.

Mr. Lewis Waller's company in "Gamblers All," which has been repeating its London success on tour, will appear at the King's, Hammersmith, on Monday next, and the following week will be seen at the Wimbledon Theatre.

"Cocoon-Tina" is to be the title of the new play for the Adelphi. The stars of the new production will include Miss Phyllis Dare, Miss Mabel Sealby, Mr. Godfrey Tearle, and Mr. W. H. Berry. Mr. Haydn Wood, the composer of so many successful ballads, is writing a good deal of the music. He has the best qualifications for the task.

A meeting of the West-End Theatrical Managers' Association was held on Thursday with a view to discussing the advisability of dispensing with evening performances at the theatres during the coming winter. Among those present were Sir Herbert Tree, who presided, Sir George Alexander, Mr. Gerald Du Maurier, Mr. H. B. Irving, Mr. Alfred Butt, Mr. George Grossmith, Mr. Frederick Harrison, Mr. Frederick Melville, and Mr. Arthur Chudleigh. It was eventually agreed unanimously that there was no need to interfere with the evening performances, but any manager might, if he chose, open his theatre for matinees only.

That plan was at first adopted by the Royalty, where daily matinees of "The Man Who Stayed at Home" were to have been substituted for evening performances. Messrs. Vedrenne and Badie, however, have just settled to give as well what they call "early evening" performances at 5.30, starting next Saturday. The Duke of York's has decided to give a matinee every day of "Romance," with evening performances on Thursdays and Saturdays, while "Quineys" and "Five Birds in a Cage" will be given at the Haymarket daily at 2.30, with an evening performance every Saturday.

Sir George Alexander has lent the St. James's Theatre for a matinee, organised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to be given on Tuesday, November 15. The proceeds will be divided between the R.S.P.C.A. Fund for Sick and Wounded Horses at the front and the Army Veterinary Corps Fund for comforts for the men.

Although players, playgoers, and the general public have so generously supported the various "Flag Days" of our brave Allies, we feel sure that all these will again unite to-morrow and will collect in sundry theatres, and managers will give a percentage of their respective "returns" in aid of the British Red Cross Society and St. John of Jerusalem. Sir George Alexander's letter to his fellow theatrical managers inviting them to co-operate in the good cause is a splendid memento of this all-charity event, which is very properly called "Our Day."

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harvey and some members of their company visited the Whalley Military Hospital on Wednesday last, and gave an entertainment to the wounded soldiers. Mr. Martin Harvey caused great enthusiasm with "The Dandy Fifth," and Mrs. Martin Harvey gave Tom Gallon's amusing sketch, "Aurora's Captive." During the performance by the Harvey Company at Blackburn on Thursday night a collection in aid of the Belgian refugees amounted to sixteen guineas. On Friday Mrs. Martin Harvey visited Bierslie Hospital and cheered the wounded heroes. This week the company is appearing at the Grand Theatre, Leeds.

The second son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Parsons (Miss Viola Tree) was baptised on Friday by his grandfather, the Rev. S. W. Parsons, at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where his parents were married. The sponsors were Sir Ian Hamilton, for whom the Hon. Francis McLaren stood proxy, Mr. Charles Parsons, Mrs. Asquith, and Lady Diana Manners. The boy received the names Ian David.

Mr. Stephen Phillips, we regret to learn, is suffering from a heart attack, and is lying seriously ill at an East Coast resort. He has just finished a new poetic drama on the subject of Harold.

The Playhouse will reopen on Nov. 1 under the lesseeship of Mr. Frank Curzon and the management of Mr. Andre Chariot. A fine company has been engaged for the new revue which is to form the opening attraction, and it may be that a certain other and popular form of "attraction" may be added.

When the Garrick Theatre reopens towards the end of this month with the new revue entitled "Looking Around," the attraction will be presented by Messrs. George B. McLean and Walter de Frece by arrangement with Mr. Thomas Dotti, who retains Mr. José Levy as his general manager.

Mr. J. Hastings-Batson, whose patriotic zeal is well known, is distributing a printed leaflet giving as an example to British mothers and to "slackers" the story of the Brazilian woman, Maria De Souza, who, when she had lost three sons in the war with the Dutch invaders, sent her two remaining boys, aged only thirteen and fourteen, to avenge their brothers' death. The youths readily responded to their mother's call, and lived to prove themselves worthy inheritors of the heroism and renown of their countrymen.

A remarkable record has been gained by Mr. J. B. Mulholland, who on the night of Hospital Saturday, at the King's, Hammersmith, said that although he was as a rule strongly averse to collections in theatres, yet, in view of the magnificent work being done by the hospitals this year for our wounded, he felt that all those who could afford it would willingly give a little. A collection was then made by representatives of the Red Cross Society, and Mr. Mulholland has just received from the General Secretary of the Fund a letter informing him that the collection at the King's Theatre, which realised £26 1s. 4d., was the largest amount collected at any single theatre in London on Hospital Saturday.

The will of the late Mr. George Edwardes directs that the business of presenting plays at Daly's Theatre shall be carried on by his eldest daughter, Mrs. Sherbrooke, as manager, and by the other two executors, Mr. Robert Evert and Mr. E. J. Biggs, named by him. They are to continue to carry on the business for so long as Mrs. Sherbrooke is satisfied it is advisable to do so.

His estate at Ogbourne, Wilts, and everything that was there at the time of his death, Mr. Edwardes leaves to his only son, Captain Darcy Edwardes, to whom also he bequeathed his house, No. 11, Park-square, Regent's Park. His other house in Park-square, No. 6, he left to Mrs. Edwardes, as well as his place near Ascot, Winkfield Lodge. The business known as Daly's Theatre and all his other theatrical properties and interests are left equally between Mrs. Edwardes and his four children.

The Winter Gardens, New Brighton, which is one of the best managed theatres in the provinces, has recently commenced Sunday evening lectures. Mr. Douglas has arranged with many of the prominent lecturers to appear. From the first Sunday the theatre has been crowded, and accommodation for the overflow has had to be found on the stage and in the orchestra. On subsequent Sundays Mr. John Foster Fraser, Mr. Horatio Bottomley, Mr. Spencer Leigh Hughes, M.P., Lord Headley, M.P., Mr. Frederic Villiers, and His Honour Judge Parry will be the speakers.

At least one provincial theatre has adopted the policy of reversing the order of performances. At the Palace Pier, St. Leonards, Mr. E. Van Biene last week inaugurated a system of daily matinees, with two evening performances, of "Candida," which was played during the week. The Gaiety Theatre in that town is opening this week with "Florodora" at 7.15 instead of 7.45, in consequence of the stringency of the lighting order.

That grand opera is still a card to play in the provinces anyway is shown by the fact that the "return" of the Royal Carl Rosa Company in its week at the Grand, Plymouth, reached £1,100 3s.

The hearing was concluded on Monday of the action brought by Mr. Kenelm F. Foss to recover from Mr. Robert Elson, of Whittington, Oswestry, £250 for alleged breach of contract respecting the production at the Little Theatre of defendant's play, "Account Rendered." The jury returned a verdict for the defendant. Judgment was given accordingly with costs. It was agreed that the counter-claim should be struck out without costs, and judgment was given to this effect.

The Incorporated Stage Society, which has been continuing its work throughout the period of the war, has decided to extend its scope by publishing pamphlets, organising lectures, and giving exhibitions on "Theatre Arts and Crafts." The first exhibition of the series will be given in November, when Mr. Alfred A. Wolmark will illustrate in a series of models of scenes for "Hamlet" and "The Big Drum" his stage ideas of production of a modern as well as of a classic play. The exhibitions are not intended for the general public, but are only for members of the Stage Society and for people professionally connected with the theatre.

Mr. W. W. Kelly reports splendidly maintained business at his three Mersey-side theatres, this week's attractions being the revue "Just in Time," at the Shakespeare, "Are You a Mason?" at Kelly's, and "The Face at the Window" at the Birkenhead Royal.

Next week Mr. Kelly is to present Mr. Seymour Hicks in "Broadway Jones" at the Liverpool Shakespeare, the popular actor appearing twice nightly. The funny farce, "Jane," will be given at Kelly's, and Mr. A. M. Loader's principal company in "A Chinese Honeymoon" will fill the bill at the New Royal, Birkenhead. To-morrow being Trafalgar Day, Mr. W. W. Kelly will give ten per cent. of his takings at his three Mersey-side theatres to the British Red Cross Society.

News has just come to hand of the marriage of a few weeks ago of Miss Mary Clare to Lieut. L. Mawhood, 3rd Batt., Royal Tankkilling Dragoons. It is understood that Miss Clare's marriage does not mean that she will give up her profession, but will reappear shortly in a comedy at a West End theatre.

A further meeting of the creditors of Mr. Seymour Hicks was held in the Court of Bankruptcy on Monday, when a scheme of arrangement was submitted under which Mrs. Hicks, a creditor for £25,000, offered unconditionally to release her claim. Mr. Hicks proposed to pay a composition of 6s. 8d. in the pound to the remaining creditors, and undertook to set aside £1,000 per annum from his future earnings by quarterly instalments towards payment of the composition. The accounts lodged by Mr. Hicks disclosed total liabilities of £38,337. The scheme was duly carried.

Mr. Norman V. Norman and Miss Beatrice Wilson will appear in a duologue at the matinee at the London Opera House to-morrow.

Messrs. J. and N. Tait, the well-known Australasian managers, have secured the sole rights for the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand of Mr. J. Hartley Manners' famous comedy, "Peg o' My Heart." They are now engaging a company in London, and the play will be produced in Sydney next Easter. Miss Sara Allgood, who has made such a brilliant success as Peg in the provinces, has been engaged to play the part in Australia.

DEATH OF MISS DORIS WHYTE.

After two weeks' severe illness, Miss Doris Whyte succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at her residence at 15, Benedict-road, Brixton, on Saturday last.

Miss Whyte commenced her career as an actress at the early age of five years, playing the child's part in "Green Bushes" with Miss Bella Falcum at the Elephant and Castle Theatre 21 years ago. Her next engagement was with Walter Melville at the Standard in "The Great World of London," with which she toured. In great demand as an emotional child-actress, she later played a round of ingénue parts in stock and on tour, creating the rôle of Criss Lee, the



THE LATE MISS DORIS WHYTE.

Cripple-boy, in Harold Whyte's play, "A Girl's False Step." Daisy Dashedwood in "Women of London," the Boy Pirate in Geo. R. Sims' "Gipsy Earl" at the Kennington, and many other parts, during Mr. Herbert Lloyd's management of that theatre.

She was Mr. Walter Melville's leading juvenile lady for several seasons, played lead in "The Harbour Lights" at the Marlborough, King's, Hammersmith, etc., and was Mr. Frederic Baugh's leading lady for nearly four years. Her last appearance was as Susan in "Never Too Late to Mend" at the Kennington.

Desperately beloved by all, she leaves her husband (Mr. George Belmore), her two little sons, and her sorrowing relatives and friends to mourn her irreparable loss. The funeral takes place to-morrow (Thursday), the cortege leaving the deceased's residence at 11, and arriving at Tooting Cemetery at 12.

Messrs. Tait are the lessees of the Auditorium, Melbourne, and sub-lessees of the Palace Theatre, Sydney, and the King's Theatre, Melbourne. It is the intention of the firm to produce further plays in Australia in the near future. Mr. J. N. Tait is at present in London, and letters addressed care of "The Era" office will reach him.

Mr. Lauri de Frece will take up the part of Jotte in "Betty" at Daly's Theatre on Monday next. Business, we are glad to report, has fallen off but little at Daly's, which will obviously not be among the theatres to adopt the all-matinee policy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sibley-Hicks, whose entertainment, "A Dickensian Revue," proved such a successful curtain-raiser to "Outcast," are now presenting this in front of the farcical comedy, "Three Spoonfuls."

Among the most enterprising touring managers is Mr. Joseph Millane, who is running three companies with "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," together with a touring stock company presenting a varied repertoire, including the new production, "The Confessions of a Wife." By a printer's error in our advertisement columns last week, Mr. Millane was made to state that "Somewhere a Voice is Calling" drew "nearly" £120 on the Saturday night at the Hippodrome, Bolton, the mistake in the letter thus transforming into a bombastic announcement the record of a remarkable evening's takings.

At the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, on Monday, Mr. Douglas Great played Jammy in "A Pair of Silk Stockings" for the one hundredth time. The event was celebrated by the presentation of a gold watch by Mr. Henry Tweedie, manager for Alan Aynesworth and Bronson Albury, who are at present touring this very diverting comedy, now playing twice nightly at the Tyne.

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FRENCH PLAYS AT THE COURT.

"PATACHON"
Comedy in four acts by Maurice Hennequin and Felix Duquesnel, produced at the Vaudeville Theatre, Paris, Oct. 23, 1907. Revival at the Court Theatre, Monday, Oct. 18, 1915.

The "Théâtre Français" Company, under the direction of Mlle. Emile Lindey, opened at the Court Theatre on Monday evening with "Patachon," by MM. Hennequin and Duquesnel, a comedy whose amiably amusing qualities may well fill out a pleasant evening. There is food for humour in the reconciliation of the man-about-town Parisian, the "Patachon," with his pious wife devoted to good works at Blois. One hears a good deal of talk about the gay goings-on of Du Tilloy, which, in the absence of direct evidence by the authors, must be taken for the most part on trust, and your faith in his ultimate conversion, due to an attack of gout, may be severely tried, but M. Francis Baisac makes him a pleasant fellow enough, not half as black as he is painted. His daughter, who divides her year between papa and mamma, and adapts herself equally well to a life of piety or "patachon," is brightly and daintily played by Mlle. Mirianne, and to the part of her lover M. Baert brings the necessary youthful ardour. Mlle. Louise Dauville gives a sensitive study of Mme. du Tilloy. In the part of the sanctimonious humbug, whose designs on the daughter's dot are frustrated by "Patachon," M. Chaumont, of the Grand Guignol, has full scope for his deft humour, and is ably seconded by M. Theissen as his nephew. The old servant, Augustin, of M. Victor Moret, is cleverly touched in, and Mme. Renée Gardès' hisping lady is a neat performance. All the other members of the long cast play with a lively sense of their responsibilities.

The play was received very warmly. The "Théâtre Français" is formed with the object of benefiting the funds of various war charities. This week's profits from the performances go to the Officers' Families Fund, the Caisse de Secours des Artistes Belges Réfugiés, and the Association des Artistes Dramatiques.

THE PEOPLE'S THEATRE.

Shakespeare still holds the fort at the Victoria Hall, Waterloo-road, where on Monday evening a good house highly appreciated the performance of "The Merchant of Venice," given under the direction of Mr. Ben Greet. A rendition of outstanding merit was the Shylock of Mr. Greet, who by deft touches and skilful intonation suggested both the love of the parent and the cunning and malevolence of the usurer. It was a capable piece of acting, especially in the Trial Scene, when the picture of the foiled Jew, seething with suppressed passion, was very moving. The Portia was Miss Beatrice Wilson, who figured agreeably in every scene. She acted the comedy parts with charm, and in the "mercy" speech a voice capable of much emotional expression served her well. Mr. William Stack made a romantic figure of Bassanio, and Mr. Robert Atkins was a sympathetic Antonio. Mr. Olive Currie lent valuable assistance by a characteristic impersonation of Tubal, and his Prince of Morocco was dignified and pathetic. Comic effect was given to the Prince of Arragon by Mr. A. E. Filmer, who also did well as Launcelot Gobbo. Mr. George Sommes made a gallant lover of Lorenzo, though his scenes with Jessica lacked tenderness. The Jewish maiden was gracefully played by Miss Sylvia Fausset, and Miss May Congden was a commendable Nerissa. The elocution in some of the smaller parts was not all that could be desired, but as a whole the performance was very praiseworthy.

The Criterion Theatre, Forton-road, Gosport, now used as a cinema picture theatre, will be offered for sale by auction at the mart of Messrs. Field and Palmer, 3, King's-road, Southsea, on Nov. 8. The property is freehold, and has a County Council licence for seating 610.

During the recent visit of "The Little Michus" to the County Theatre, Shrewsbury, the members of the company visited the local hospitals for wounded soldiers, and at the performances in their behalf about £20 was collected. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. and Mrs. Bates Maddison, under whose management the theatre is rapidly attaining prosperity. Their long association with the higher branches of the theatrical profession, more especially in connection with grand opera and the D'Oyly Carte companies, render them especially qualified to cater for cultured tastes.



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ACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the Council meeting held yesterday at 32, Regent-street. Present: Messrs. W. G. Fay (in the chair), Messrs. John Mortimer, James Geder, W. R. Staveley, Misses Georgia Drayton, and Laura Leicester and Mr. Adnam Sprange, secretary.

The secretary read the minutes of the meeting on Oct. 12, 1915, and the meeting confirmed, and the chairman signed same.

The secretary read letters from Mrs. Alice Chapin, Mlle. Marcelle De Vrin, and Soldiers' and Sailors' Dental Aid Fund, and received instructions to reply.

The hon. solicitor reported on three cases. The various reports were read and adopted. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Mr. Lancelot Lowder, serving with the Forces.

Nominations: René Fiora Carlita Waller, Ella Victoria, Marcelle Vernoux, Winifred Scott Graham, Beatrice Burdet, Dora Gibson, Olive Esther Walter, Stella Hope, Agnes Mackay.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting in "The Era" an announcement of a Birth, a Marriage, or a Death, or an In Memoriam notice, not exceeding twenty-four words, is One Shilling and Sixpence.

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MARRIAGES.

RIGNOLD-BERESFORD.—On Oct. 12, at Birkenhead, Miss Bessie Rignold (daughter of the late William Rignold), to Paul George Beresford.

A marriage has been arranged between Lieut. H. E. Horan, D.S.C., R.N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Horan, of Limerick, Ireland, and Ruth, eldest daughter of the late Rev. H. M. T. Bidwell, late Rector of Michel Troy, Monmouth, and Mrs. Bidwell.

DEATHS.

WHYTE.—On Oct. 16, Miss Doris Whyte, at 15, Benedict-road, Brixton. Aged 36. Loving wife of George Belmore. Never forgotten by her husband and two boys.

IN MEMORIAM.

CRAWLEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Dan Crawley, who passed away Oct. 22, 1912. Never forgotten by his wife, daughters, and son Jack.

"Peace, perfect peace."
DORIS (ROUND).—In loving memory of the dearest of sisters, "Lil," who fell asleep Oct. 17, 1906. Always in the thoughts of Blanche, Mrs. Fred Emery.

HARLEY.—In loving remembrance of my dear brother, Rex Harley, comedian and mimic, who died at Liverpool, Oct. 16, 1909. "So He giveth His beloved sleep."

ROUND (HENRY).—Also my dear dad, Henry Round, of Wright and Round, Liverpool, who left us Sept. 2, 1905.

Jesu, pitying, gentle Saviour
Grant them Thine eternal rest.

Mr. T. C. Dagnall, who is having a very successful tour with "The Land of Promise," is shortly taking out "The Little Damozel," by Monckton Hoffe, which he intends playing twice nightly. The comedy goes out with a high reputation as a mirth-maker, and should prove an admirable tonic in these depressing times.

The Promenades programme for the matinee today is chiefly drawn from Russian composers. The concerto is Rachmaninov's, No. 2 in C minor, for pianoforte and orchestra. Mr. Benno Moiseiwitsch being the soloist. Songs by Tchaikovsky and Moussorgsky, the "Lohengrin" overture, and Percy Grainger's Irish Tune from County Derry and Shepherd's Hey complete the scheme. On Thursday evening, Oct. 21 (Trafalgar Day), English music will be represented by Dr. Arthur Somervell's Symphonic Variations for pianoforte and orchestra, "Normandy," and Sir Henry J. Wood's Fantasia on British sea songs.

As president of the Advisory Committee of the British Women's Hospital, Lady Gertrude Forbes-Robertson is appealing for £50,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the Star and Garter Hotel at Richmond, the site of which has been presented to the Queen, who has intimated her desire of giving it to the British Red Cross Society for a home for our paralysed and totally disabled soldiers and sailors. The society has asked the committee of the British Women's Hospital to raise the funds necessary for this new building, and Lady Forbes-Robertson confidently asks all British women at home and overseas to help to raise the necessary sum.

"IRIS INTERVENES."

Comedy, in Three Acts, by John Hastings Turner.
Produced at the Kingsway Theatre, Saturday,
Oct. 16.

Mary Cumbers Miss May Whitty
Henry Cumbers Mr. A. E. George
Tristram Cumbers Mr. James Stanners
Joan Miss Lorna Lawrence
Iris Olga Ivanova Miss Lena Ashwell
James Calligula Stone Mr. Henry Deas
George Eynsham Mr. Frank Mayeur
Anton Mr. A. E. Filmer
Muriel Hudson Miss Muriel Pratt
Andrea Romanoff Mr. Owen Roughwood
Mrs. Gus Weedlemy Miss Auriol Lee
Rev. Theodore Heslop Mr. W. E. Langley
Ferdinand Madders Mr. Francis Serie

Plays dealing with the suburban middle class are always interesting, as they bring us into contact with people of whom we have generally more intimate knowledge than of the lower depths or of high society. We frequently recognise characters we have met; we feel more or less at home with them; we comprehend their environment and have a ready sympathy with their motives. Mr. John Hastings Turner, who has been discovered by Miss Lena Ashwell, at least thoroughly understands, and has the happy knack of bringing out their conventional peculiarities by arousing their prejudices in a manner at once amusing and dramatic.

The author takes us to No. 1, Rosetti Close, in the Golden Green Garden City, and shows the drawing-room of Henry Cumbers, a trusted employee of a big motor concern, who has got forrard in life. He lays down the law in his own aggressive way, and has bullied his sweet-natured wife into a state of placid resignation. Their son, Tristram, with his long hair and red ties, believes himself misunderstood by the world, and yearns to give expression to his soul. The peace of the household is soon to be disturbed. The Cumbers have a new neighbour, Iris Olga Ivanova, a divorced Bohemian, who, in the seclusion of Suburbia, wants to live down a little incident in her former life in Vienna, when, in a fit of temper, she wounded her former husband with a knife.

Cumbers objects most strongly to her, when, in a gorgeous gown, she pays them a friendly neighbourly call. According to Cumbers' standard, women wearing low dresses in the daytime must be immoral, and he fears for the morals of Tristram, who is engaged to a very sensible girl, Muriel Hudson. Tristram, of course, falls an easy prey to the charms of the woman of the world, and Iris makes up her mind to employ him as an instrument to bring Cumbers to her feet. James Calligula Stone, a man who "locates the dollars every time," calls on Cumbers and tells him of a new car, designs for which will be entrusted to him for one Saturday night, as they might be stolen from anyone else. The papers are stolen by the "Honourable" George Eynsham. He and Iris have met before, and she remembers him by a black eye she had given him in a Paris restaurant for an insulting remark. On the night of a supper party, on the lawn, by the light of fairy lamps—at No. 1—the deed is done, and Iris intervenes. Her lover, Andrea Romanoff, stops the thief, and it is decided that they shall fight for the documents in her house, which Eynsham willingly enters, and from which he emerges apparently triumphant, and makes off in a motor to deliver the prize to a competing French auto firm.

Iris, with the distracted Cumbers, dashes after him in her fiancé's car, and at two o'clock in the morning we find them on the Dover road, broken down, and unable to repair the damage. Here, in the soft moonlight Suburbia and Bohemia make peace, a scene which is the gem of the play.

As the church bells are ringing they return, the situation is explained, and when Stone calls for the papers (which he could really have carried about with him quite conveniently), they are restored by Romanoff, who had abstracted them from the thief's pocket before the fight, and had them safely all the time.

Cumbers' position in life is so improved that he will soon be taking a house in Kensington; Tristram, cured of his infatuation for Iris, turns again to Muriel; and Romanoff is ready to risk matrimony with Iris, who is willing to be mastered by him.

The dialogue in many parts is clever and witty, and shows power of observation and insight. But there is a good deal of irrelevant matter and padding. The play nevertheless is thoroughly amusing.

As Iris, Miss Lena Ashwell made a most welcome re-appearance, and the part is most suited to her admirable gifts, and her acting, as always, was marked by great charm and nervous intensity. Mr. A. E. George as Henry Cumbers gave us a clever study of a priggish tyrant. He was at his best in the scenes with Iris, when his temper met its match in her fury. Mr. James Stanners as Tristram was excellent, and Miss May Whitty as his subdued mother life-like and lovable. Miss Muriel Pratt as Tristram's fiancée made a great deal of a somewhat difficult part.

Mr. Owen Roughwood played the lover with reserve, and Mr. Harry Deas was just "it" as a breezy American. Mr. Frank Mayeur filled the small part of Eynsham most satisfactorily. The play was enthusiastically received, and the author appeared in response to hearty calls.

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"THE CASE OF LADY CAMBER."

Play in Four Acts, by Horace Annesley Vachell.
Produced at the Savoy Theatre on Saturday
afternoon, Oct. 16.

Lord Camber Mr. Ben Webster
Sir Bedford Slutter Mr. Holman Clark
Harley Napier Mr. H. B. Irving
Buckle Mr. James Lindsay
Lady Camber Miss May Leslie Stuart
Lady Matilda Rye Miss Kate Bishop
Peach Miss Pollie Emery
Esther Yorke Miss Jessie Winter

Although you may never have rubbed shoulders in everyday life with the characters in Mr. Vachell's play, "The Case of Lady Camber," you have certainly come across their types in the pages of novels, and on other stages than that of the Savoy Theatre—there is even the true ring of melodrama about one or two of them. What do you say, for instance, of a peer who invites a sick and distressed maiden to his flat with the felt intention of presenting a heavy bill for board and lodging—or of the damsel herself—once a member of the upper ten, before her father "lost all his money," leaving her penniless and naturally friendless—who rather than foot the noble peer's bill ran away to "Bart's," and is now the trusted nurse in the house for residential patients of a famous physician, whom she secretly loves? Then there is Lady Camber, the highly-coloured, once popular favourite of the variety stage, whose education still remains at the point where the attributes poetic quotations from "The Bard" to Wilkie, and whose language is picturesquely reminiscent of the gutter from whence she danced upon the boards. Again, you will recognise the fashionable doctor to feminine aristocracy, Sir Bedford Slutter, F.R.C.P., with his oft-repeated stories of patients in high places and a beautiful bedside manner, played by Mr. Holman Clark with a humour wholly delightful. And the low-comedy touch in Peach, the faithful, vulgar, rabidly jealous, one-time "dresser" to Lady Camber. But the character played by Mr. H. B. Irving is in a different category. There is the charm of the unexpected about Harley Napier, F.R.C.S. And the absorbing interest of the play comes out of his waking up to the fact that there are human beings on the planet other than patients with baffling diseases, and other human needs in himself than are satisfied with research work—this, and the skilful way in which the more familiar characters react upon each other in the development of the plot.

Strictly speaking, Lady Camber's death was her own bringing about. If she had not given the faithful Peach the cold shoulder in favour of Esther Yorke, the nurse at Dr. Napier's, where she was being treated for heart trouble, Peach would never have revealed herself by pouring into Lady Camber's ears the tale of letters and secret relations between Esther and Lord Camber. Lady Camber knows that her husband is tired of her, but her own affection for him is strong. She puts Peach's information to the test, bringing her skill as a mimic to the assuming of Esther's voice in a telephone message to Lord Camber, and receives from him the declaration of his love for Esther, unaltered since the "days when they were alone together." In Lady Camber's precarious condition, the shock of her husband's unfaithfulness proves too severe. Although strychnine is twice administered, she succumbs.

The collapse of his almost convalescent patient, whose recovery he has all along attributed to the zeal and care of Esther Yorke, upsets all Napier's calculations. He feels that his professional reputation is at stake. Some fact or unknown to him must have penetrated the healing atmosphere of tranquillity with which he had surrounded Lady Camber. What was it? Peach enlightens him. Then he questions Esther, but gets nothing from her. He puts together her obstinate silence, Lady Camber's sudden aversion from her after the collapse, and Lord Camber's admission of previous friendship with Esther, and doubt of the girl in whom he had placed even greater trust than he was aware of enters his mind.

Now Napier has discovered a new and powerful narcotic, tallin. Only he and Esther have access to the safe in which it is kept. After Esther has prepared the second injection of strychnine, the doctor misses the tallin, and when Lady Camber is dead, without having been able to disclose the nature of the shock that killed her, he sees Esther replace the phial secretly in the safe. Is she the guilty and worthless woman painted by Peach, and has she murdered Lady Camber by the administration of the narcotic? The question is vital to Napier, who only now recognises the depth of his interest in the girl. There is the death certificate to be reckoned with. Can he, as an honest man, sign it? He puts the question to Lord Camber, hinting that an inquiry may implicate that nobleman. And Lord Camber speedily extricates himself—and Esther—by a full disclosure of his connection with her in the past and his unwelcome advances to her in the present.

Esther's innocence established, the motive for murder disappears—unless she loves Lord Camber and hopes to marry him. And then, how explain the abstraction of the tallin? Esther enlightens him at last. She had meant to try the drug in her own case because, when his professional pride was smarting under the inexplicable death of his patient, the doctor had said that he and she could never again work together; and as she loved him—well, there was no other way. And, so, the tallin having been weighed, and not found wanting by as much as a minim, the curtain comes down on happiness for the two chiefly concerned.

Mr. H. B. Irving's Napier is a convincing and engrossing study of a forceful character, and, as the much-perturbed Esther, Miss Jessie Winter is very sweet, tender, and natural, and plays with a quiet strength in tense moments. Miss May Leslie Stuart made Lady Camber a vivid personality. In the scene of her denunciation of her husband and Esther she acted with a fine restraint and grip at a moment when the temptation to overstep the boundaries into melodrama was almost overwhelming. Miss Pollie Emery's silhouette of Peach stands out strongly and sharply cut, without a detail missing. For Mr. Ben Webster as Lord Camber there is little to do but to carry matters with high-handed nonchalance and to look the aristocrat—an easy task for him. The exits and farewells of Miss Kate Bishop as Lady Matilda Rye were a joy and a delight. Mr. James Lindsay was the perfect butler, Buckle. There was plenty of very warm applause. The excellent entr'acte music is supplied, as usual, by the Carlton Mason Septette.

Trinity College of Music announces the following appointments to the teaching staff: Madame Hilda Wilson, Mrs. Helen Trust, Madame Lena Law (singing), Dr. Janet Salisbury (harmony), George Vincent, O. Egerton Lowe, and George Magrath (piano/forte). In the Junior School: Mrs. Apperly (cello), and Edric Graffenhagen (harmony). As students may enter the College at any time, lessons with any of these professors can be arranged to begin at once.

MISS VIOLET LORAINE.

A POPULAR ARTISTE.

In her cosy home in St. John's Wood the "Era" representative enjoyed one morning recently an agreeable half-hour's chat with Violet Lorraine. "You will, I am afraid, find that there is not over much 'colour' in the recital of my stage history. I just went from one thing to another, as the phrase goes," laughed the charming artiste. "I first faced the footlights in pantomime in company with Dan Leno, in 'Mother Goose,' at Drury Lane. The critics were good enough to say—'See here, Mr. Writer Man' (indicating the notice in her Press Album)—'that I made an 'instantaneous success.' Well, and notwithstanding, I afterwards went into musical comedy, appearing first in 'The Model and the Maid' and then in 'The Duchess of Danzig' at the Lyric. I next went to the old Strand Theatre in 'Sergeant Brue,' and had my first, shall we say, important speaking part. An engagement in 'Our Flat' followed, at the Comedy, in the French character of Mme. Volant. Returning to the Strand, I played an interesting part in 'Off the Rank,' and thereafter the management offered me the second part in 'Miss Wingrove'; but a sudden illness intervened and so prevented my appearance. 'Well again,' I followed the chit—now well-established custom in Theatre-land, and appeared in vaudeville, namely, at the Palace, Shaftesbury Avenue, in the comedy sketch 'The New ...' At the end of its run, the revue—malady broke off, and I appeared as lead in the first pro-



[Photo by Rita Martin]

MISS VIOLET LORAINE.

duction of this kind at the Palace, called 'The Palace Review,' by George R. Sims. Subsequently and still at the Palace, I was lead in an attractive comedy sketch written by Edward Laurillard. After this I returned to my first love, pantomime, as principal boy in 'Mother Goose.' Whilst 'Goosing,' the late Mr. George Edwards offered me the principal part in the Gaiety success, 'The Spring Chicken,' and this I succeeded with Mitzi in 'The Girls of Gottenberg.' The following Christmas saw me as principal boy in 'Goody Two Shoes.' 'Then I became restive again; and the Oxford 'homed' me, in my own single turn—quite 'homed' me, in fact, for I was engaged for one week and stayed two months. Upon leaving the Oxford I appeared first at the remaining Syndicate halls, then was for some time starring in the provinces, and subsequently in the various London halls.

"The December following I was principal boy at Drury Lane in 'Hop o' My Thumb.' At the end of the run I had a grand experience touring throughout Australia and New Zealand in pantomime. Yes! in pantomime entirely, for they play it all the year round in the Antipodes! 'Back again in dear old Eng-land, I commenced my agreeable association with the Hippodrome Management, taking up Ethel Levey's part in 'Hullo, Tango!' I was next in 'Business as Usual,' and now, as you know, I am in the latest Hippodrome success, 'Push and Go.' But this popular production is not showing any signs of getting the 'Push'—nor am I yet likely to 'Go.' True, just recently I was kindly released by the Management to fulfil some contracts; but arranged whereby I shall be able to remain at the Hippodrome until the end of the run of the revue. When this period arrives I am proposing to return to the halls in—yes, it may be a revue. Voilà! Now I must go on to the afternoon show, so please let me run you down West in the car."

THE PROMENADES.

On Monday, the 11th, the programme was, as usual, devoted almost entirely to Wagner, and with Sir Henry Wood presiding, fine performances were given of the preludes to "Tristan and Isolde," "Lohengrin," and the "Mastersingers," and the overtures to "Tannhäuser" and "Rienzi." Mme. Gleeson-White sang Isolde's Narration with splendid tone and dramatic expression, and Mr. Fraser Gange was heard in one of Wolfgramm's airs. Solomon was the soloist in Mendelssohn's "Rondo in E flat," played by the clever boy with his accustomed brilliance. On Friday the orchestra gave magnificent renderings of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and of Mendelssohn's "Hebrides" overture; and, with Miss Daisy Kennedy as the welcome soloist, were heard later in an admirable performance of the last-named composer's ever-green violin concerto. Mme. Elsa Oswald and Mr. Pitt Chatham gave Mozart and Handel airs.

HASLUCK'S ACADEMY.

A very interesting lecture-recital of Mr. Stephen Phillips' "Herod" was given by Miss Clara Reid at Hasluck's Academy, Bedford-street, Strand, on Saturday evening. Preceding her recital of the poetic tragedy, Miss Reid gave a short outline of the plot. Her recital was a most engrossing and admirably delivered one, all the characters being cleverly differentiated. Miss Reid's delivery of the lines of the grief-stricken Mariamne when she learns of the assassination of her brother Aristobolus was especially impressive, and elocutionary ability of a high order was evidenced in her reading of all the characters. During the evening sympathetic reference was made to the serious illness of Mr. Phillips, who, we gathered, would otherwise have been present.

A cable from New York announces the safe arrival of Mr. Frederick Harrison's American "Quineys" company, headed by Mr. Frederick Ross, Miss Margaret Watson, and Miss Peggy Rush, on the St. Louis, last Wednesday. The first performance of "Quineys" in America was due on Monday evening at the Maxine Elliott Theatre.

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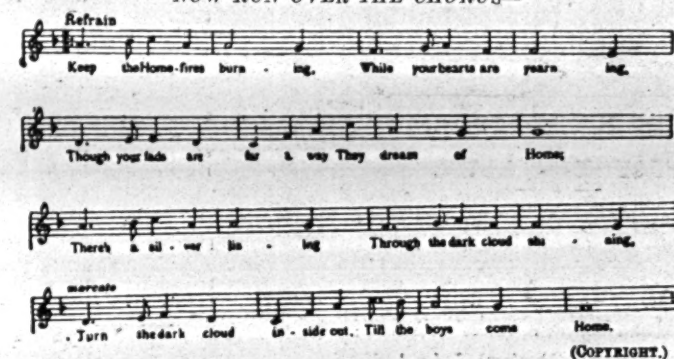
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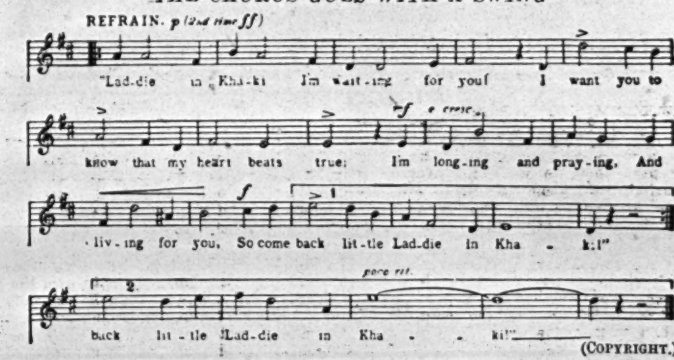
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With a smile that lights her face
She will softly say—

Just be brave a little while,
He'll come to you again,
You'll forget the weary days,
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AUGUST.
"Punctured," by T. Gideon Warren; London Coliseum, Aug. 2.
"Mrs. Mason's Alibi," sketch, by Harry M. Vernon; Metropolitan, Aug. 2.
"Got 'Em," revue, by Frank Parker and Alec Dalmier; Camberwell Empire, Aug. 2.
"Kiss Me, Sergeant," revue, in three scenes, by Harry M. Vernon, lyrics by Clifford Harris, music by J. W. Tate; Palace, Leicester, Aug. 2; Chiswick Empire, Aug. 30.
"Leave It To Me," musical comedietta, in three scenes, presented by Percy Hall and E. Caine; Hulme Hippodrome, Manchester, Aug. 2.
"From Pekin to Paris," revue, by Matt Melrose; Hippodrome, Dover, Aug. 2; Brixton Theatre, Aug. 16.
"There was a King in Flanders," dialogue, by J. G. Brandon; Islington Palace, Aug. 2.
"Some Girl," revue, by Douglas Stuart, music by H. Sullivan Brooke; Rotherhithe Hippodrome, Aug. 2.
"Henry, Him of Eight," "bizzard in three hacks," by Frederic Norton and Hartley Carriac, introduced into "The Passing Show," Aug. 3; Palace Theatre.
"A Dear Old Son," farcical sketch, by Clara Bernard, lyrics by Nixon Grey; Granville, Waltham Green, Aug. 9.
"The Prize-winner," Scottish playlet, by MacDonald Watson; Shepherd's Bush Empire, Aug. 9.
"Some Glee!" revue, by George Asaf; Bedford, Aug. 9.
"Midnight," a musical farce, words and music by Herbert E. Haines; Aston Hippodrome, Aug. 9.
"The Sports Girl," revue, book and lyrics by Messrs. Rolls and Worton David, music by Max Darewski; Olympia, Liverpool, Aug. 16.
"Le Brésilien," comedy, in one act, by Henri Melhac and Ludovic Halévy; Coliseum, Aug. 16.
"Seconds Out," revue, book and lyrics by Worton David, music by Joe Jordan, additional numbers by W. H. Dorsey; Empire, Penge, Aug. 16.
"Countess Coquette," modern comedy, in three acts, translated from the Italian of Roberto Bracco, (by Miss) D. St. Cyr, and adapted by Gilbert Cannan; Croydon Hippodrome, Aug. 16.
"Don't Be Silly," revue, version of "The Glorious Day," by Leonard Mortimer; Camberwell Empire, Aug. 16.
"I See You," revue, in six scenes; Hippodrome, Dover, Aug. 18.
"La Petite Revue," by William Smythe; Oxford, Aug. 23.
"Cythra," lyric ballet, book and lyrics by A. du Plessy, music by J. de Pietra-Pertosa; London Coliseum, Aug. 23.
"Don't Argue," revue, book, lyrics and music by George Campbell and Allan Grey; Willesden Hippodrome, Aug. 23.
"The Mannikin," one-act play, by Alicia Ramsey and Rudolph de Cordova; Chelsea Palace, Aug. 23.
"The White Bride," play, in prologue and three acts; Grand Clapham, Aug. 23.

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"A Night in Society," comedy-drama, in one scene, by Arthur Jefferson; Camberwell Empire, Aug. 23.
"Keep to the Right," revue, in three scenes, libretto and lyrics by Henry Charles Newton, music by Herman Darewski; Boscombe Hippodrome, Aug. 23.
"Mother's New Husband," comedy sketch, written by Val Pink, music by John S. Baker; Grand Clapham, Aug. 23.
"Have a Plunge," revue, in four scenes and a dip, by George Ray; Empress, Brixton, Aug. 16.
"Le Bureau de Poste," comedy, in one act, with music, by Alfred Capus; London Coliseum, Aug. 30.
"Saucy," revue; New Middlesex, Aug. 30.
"Baby and," musical ballet, book by E. W. Matthews, music by Sheridan Gordon; Camberwell Empire, Aug. 30.
"Follow the Frill," revue, book and lyrics by R. Claude Jenkins, music by David Comer; Poplar Hippodrome, Aug. 30.
"Hurry Along, Please," revue, by J. Bleriot, music by Harry Drew; Palace, Bow, Aug. 30.
"Nahana," dramatic sketch, by Fred Norman; Camberwell Empire, Aug. 30.
"It's a Scram," revue, written by Bay Waters and H. J. Kibbey; Empire, Bristol, Aug. 30.
"Another Man Who Stayed at Home," comedy sketch, by Edward G. Smart; Hippodrome, Golders Green, Aug. 30.

SEPTEMBER.

"All Square," musical burlesque, by Fred Kitchen and Charles Baldwin; Bedford, Sept. 6.
"Ladies First," revue, invented and written by Austen Hargrove, lyrics by St. John Hamund and Elsa Maxwell, music specially composed by Elsa Maxwell; Hippodrome, Portsmouth, Sept. 6.
"Peaches," musical burlesque, by Sydney Blow and Douglas Hoare, music by Philip Braham; Hippodrome, Southampton, Sept. 6.
"Honi Soit," revue, by C. H. Bovill, music by Kennedy Russell; London Pavilion, Sept. 6.
"Pastorale," waltz dance idyll, designed and invented by C. Wilhelm, music by Harvey Majlinton; Empire, Sept. 6.
"Mustard and Cress," revue, by Herbert Darnley, music by Melville J. Gideon; Middlesex, Sept. 6.
"The Brand of the Rosary," drama, in three acts, by Owen James; Palace, Bow, Sept. 6.
"I'll Tickle," revue, by Stuart and Cliffe; Collins's, Sept. 6.
"Fine Feathers," revue, written by Mary Moran; Hippodrome, Cheltenham, Sept. 6.
"What's Yours," revue, by R. H. Douglas, music by Charles W. Johnson; Empire, Dublin, Sept. 13.
"Charlie Chaplin Mad," revue, in five scenes, by George Shurley; Liverpool Hippodrome, Sept. 13.
"Going Strong," revue; Golders Green Hippodrome, Sept. 13.

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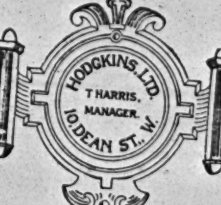
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THE PALLADIUM.

Mr. Fred Karno's highly successful revue, "Hot
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 It is in three "temperatures," or scenes, each a
 gem in its way, reflecting great credit on Mr.
 Fred Karno, who designed and manufactured the
 whole of the scenery and effects at his Camber-
 well studios. The plot centres mainly round the
 doings of Albert "Emery" Hunt, a morose and
 lugubrious individual, with a weakness for
 Limericks, who obtains a situation as a "handy
 man" at a fashionable "beauty" and manicure
 establishment, and in the series of awkward situa-
 tions in which he finds himself as a result of a
 visit of a Government Inspector, who insists on
 the regular employees of the establishment taking
 the statutory half-day's holiday. A particularly
 funny scene is that in which he is called upon to
 attend to the cornea of a charming young lady,
 the climax coming when he applies an electric
 battery to her foot, the apparatus fusing at the
 moment of application. Another scene in which he
 takes the place of his wife as the attendant in the
 ladies' bathroom is a scream. The three scenes
 are packed with good things, bright music, and
 graceful dancing, with a chorus at once hand-
 some and tuneful. Mr. A. W. Baskcomb as Albert
 "Emery" has a part in which he reveals, and it
 is nothing less than the truth to record that there
 is a continual ripple of laughter, punctuated at
 times by roars, the whole time he is on the
 stage. Mr. Edgar Stevens as Mr. Bertram,
 the proprietor of the beauty shop, is quite well
 placed, looking and acting the part admirably.
 Mr. Eric Thorne as Mr. Louis, the manager, is an
 excellent foil to Mr. Baskcomb, each playing up
 to the other in a very commendable manner;
 while Miss Dorothy Frostick as Miss Fullalove
 does much clever business, her dancing being ex-
 cellent. Miss Gladys Guy as Miss Powder Puff,
 one of the young ladies at the "beauty" shop,
 is a very pleasing, her singing and dancing being
 quite a feature of the entertainment. The other
 parts are all in capable hands.

Miss Daisy James, the dainty and popular
 comedienne, contributes two songs, "Baby mine,"
 in which she presents a charming appearance in
 white satin, and a coarser girl's song, which earned
 for her a hearty recall. Guilly and Jenny do a
 turn both graceful and daring on a revolving
 pedestal; and Miss Constance Drever, who was in
 excellent voice, gave the "Ballad-monger" and
 "Love's nearest my heart," in response to a de-
 mand for more, obliging with the ever-popular
 "My hero."

Takio, the mimic, gives many clever imitations
 of farmyard and menagerie denizens, the different
 animals represented being at the same time
 shown on a screen, their movements synchronising
 with the voice of the performer; Miss Margaret
 Cooper gave her popular entertainment at the
 piano; and last, but not least, Mr. George Robey,
 who sent the audience away in the best of humours
 by his rendering of "What little there was
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 The new Alhambra revue, "Now's the Time,"
 described as "A Musical Time-piece in Two Hours
 and Ten Chimes," made its first appearance on
 Wednesday night and received a deservedly hearty
 welcome from an enormous audience. It has an
 adequate plot, the scenery is artistic, the dresses
 superb, the dancing particularly attractive, and
 the music, by Max Darewski and Willy Redstone,
 enlivening and "catchy."

The revue opens with a scene in Piccadilly. Mr.
 Leslie as H. G. Wells comes on with a Time
 Machine that propels the occupant at will into the
 past or future. Bill, a cozier (Mr. Cook), climbs
 in with his "gal" "Liza" (Miss Phyllis Monkman),
 and we next see them arriving in "A Garden,
 somewhere in Asia," the guests of Adam and Eve
 (Mr. Austin and Miss Kelly). Bill elopes with
 Eve, and they proceed together to the establish-
 ment of a fashionable dressmaker, where the Leaf
 Dress is much admired by some smart women as
 the "latest creation." Here an escaped lunatic
 (admirably acted by Mr. d'Orville) terrifies clients
 into purchasing crazy dresses.

The next "Chime" brings us to the front of
 the Globe Theatre in the days of Good Queen Bess,
 a very picturesque and pleasing scene. There is
 some clever dialogue here, Shakespeare (Mr.
 Leslie) conversing in quotations from his plays
 with Bacon, Raleigh (just over from America
 with rag-time), and Sir John Oldcastle. As the
 last named, Mr. Sims gives a clever "fruity" per-
 formance, and Mr. George Mozart as the Virgin
 Queen is at his very best. Miss Phyllis Monk-
 man has in this scene a beautiful and sprightly
 dance in which she is excellently partnered by Mr.
 Magley as a Bear. A good song is also sung by
 Mr. Baker, entitled "Death or liberty," which, to
 an accompaniment of booming guns, achieved con-
 siderable success.

This is followed by some excellent fooling by Mr.
 George Mozart as a twenty-first century man
 enacting a drama "Husband and Man" in front
 of characteristically clever scenery by Mr. Heath
 Robinson.

Another scene that is really beautiful is called
 "The Spirit of Egypt" (Arthur E. P. Weigall).
 In front of the Sphinx, Miss Phyllis Monkman
 dances with charming abandon, though the effect
 would have been more in keeping had the dance
 been more classical. Mr. Morozoff lends very val-
 uable assistance and does a remarkably clever fall
 from the top of the Sphinx.

Miss Lee White, in various striking costumes,
 sings some first-rate songs in her own fascinating
 free and easy style. The song "My old Ken-
 lucky home" (Walter Donaldson), which Miss
 White shares with Miss Beatrice Lillie as a duck
 of a river boy, is one of the hits of the evening,
 and Miss Lillie also scores in "Now's the time."

Mr. George Mozart, a new comer to the
 Alhambra, is in his element throughout, and will
 prove a valuable addition to the ensemble. Mr.
 Alfred Austin is also excellent in his various roles.
 No revue at the present time would be complete
 without Charlie Chaplin. There are four in
 "Now's the Time" and the curtain is rung down
 on one of the best shows seen at the Alhambra to
 a tune, "Charlie," which sent everybody away
 whistling the ear-haunting melody.

VARIETY ARTISTES' BENEVOLENT FUND.

SPECIAL APPEAL.

A special appeal is being made for donations for
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 assistance is urgently needed. After allowing for
 the amount of subscriptions from the M.H.A.R.A.,
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 of over £20 a week between the amounts collected
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A QUESTION OF TITLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA.

Sir,—Seeing in your issue of last Wednesday Mr.
 Marriott Watson's advertisement for his new show
 "Somebody Knows, Somebody Cares," may I, of
 your courtesy, beg the publication of the follow-
 ing facts?

In August last I was commissioned by Mrs.
 Frank Bateman to write her new production, and
 we mutually agreed the title should be "Somebody
 Knows, Somebody Cares," providing we could
 obtain the permission of Messrs. Francis, Day,
 and Hunter. This they very kindly gave us, and
 the fact of the production was duly advertised. Of
 course, I know there is no copyright in titles, but
 the usual rules of fair play surely demand "first
 come, first served." Yours faithfully,
 GLADYS HASTINGS WALTON.

Gaiety Theatre, Houghton-le-Spring,
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 Oct. 18, 1915.

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 tions for our annual matinee to be held at the
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 £3 6s.; Mlle. Adeline Genes, one guinea; Ralph J.
 Jump, £1; Mr. Charles Cohen, 10s.; Miss Phyllis
 Broughton, 10s.; Mr. H.H. Mitchell, 5s.; Miss
 Mildred Savill, 5s.; Mr. Measures, 2s. 6d.
 The following names have to be added to the list of
 those who have promised to appear—De Biere,
 R. G. Knowles, Miss Maude Scott, Miss Irene
 Rose, and Mr. James Stewart. Mrs. Alfred Butt
 has promised the use of her motor-car, Miss Cos-
 grove a conveyance, and Messrs. Salmon and King
 and Mr. Dunkley motor-cars and broughams for
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 "A lonesome little girl" aroused the greatest
 enthusiasm. The vocalists were Miss Teddy Davis,
 soprano, and Mr. James Baume, tenor, both
 artists of exceptional ability.

"CHUTNEY."

Revue, in Three Scenes, by H. C. Sargent, E. C.
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 one in which "Cook's" conduct a touring party
 to the East, Seringsapatam being the destination.
 The first scene opens there, the second is set in
 an Eastern scene of Seringsapatam. Peter Poppem (Mr.
 Harry Rendon), on his silver honeymoon, with
 his wife, played a comedy part with fine effect
 throughout; as does Miss Amber Stone as his
 wife. Peter meets with the Rajah of Rahore (

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1915.

BURLESQUE AND REVUE.

There recently passed away from us a popular manager whose influence on a certain sort of entertainment was remarkable and important. As a speaker once said of the late George Edwardes at a public dinner, "The sacred lamp of burlesque had been originally lighted there by JOHN HOLLINGSHEAD, and had never been suffered by Mr. GEORGE EDWARDS to lack oil. The fact was that throughout all the years the public went in and the lamp never went out."

To old playgoers, and those who remember what burlesque really was in its "palmy" days, this statement will bear some development and explanation. Though pure burlesque originated in the time of ARISTOPHANES, modern burlesque, so-called, was practically an Italian invention, its two most famous exponents being BERNI and GOZZI. Then there were BEAUMONT and FLETCHER's "Knight of the Burning Pestle"; BUCKINGHAM's "Rehearsal"; and the famous "Bombastes Furioso." All these were genuine burlesques; that is, they ridiculed by means of exaggeration. In W. S. GILBERT's librettos there is a vast amount of genuine travesty.

Burlesque had several phases and periods. The old-fashioned burlesque of H. J. BYRON and F. C. BURNARD had a literary quality of its own. The plays upon words by which it was distinguished were often extremely clever, and even scholarly. In "The Field of the Cloth of Gold," for instance, Henry VIII., who has just crossed the Channel on his return from that celebration, says (or rather sings):

Once more on shore, how ill I feel!
Fool that I was to cross the ocean!
How all about me seems to reel,
Still do I feel the horrid motion!

And he continues, speaking in verse:
Oh, yesterday was fine, a splendid Sunday,
But this sick transit spoils the glory o' Monday.

An elaborate piece of word-twisting which presumed on the audience's acquaintance with the famous Latin "tag," *sic transit gloria mundi*.

Then there was the notable witticism in the burlesque on "The Lady of Lyons," when CLAUDE MELNOTTE, proudly boasting to his mother how far the fine fowling-piece which he has won in a shooting competition will carry; is asked by the economical and practical widow what it will fetch.

These sparkles of verbal wit, and others like them, were keenly enjoyed by the burlesque-lovers of the day. But, as time went on, the pun gradually went out of fashion, and was thrown into the background by the "gags" and "business" of the principal artists, like the "put it in the b-a-g;" of the late LIONEL BROUEN in "The Babes" or FRED LESLIE's self-thrown shower of paper-snow in "Little Jack Sheppard." There was no definite period when the pun "went out" as an ingredient in burlesque. It gradually became unadmitted, and even came to evoke a protesting groan.

When GEORGE EDWARDS joined HOLLINGSHEAD at the Gaiety he brought to burlesque the quality it so much needed—taste. He came from a school of cleverness and culture—that of the Savoy Theatre of the GILBERT and SULLIVAN period. Those who felt keenly the defects and deficiencies of the modernised burlesque hailed with delight the artistic dressing and mounting which GEORGE EDWARDS introduced. His influence at the Gaiety was immediately felt. Gradually burlesque began to pass away and to be replaced by an entertainment which had some pretence of plot and depiction of character. As always happens, artists arose to meet the

demand. Authors, too, arose and found a most encouraging patron. Mr. "OWEN HALL," as the librettist of "An Artist's Model," deserved the gratitude of the more intelligent lovers of light entertainment.

The musical play depended greatly on personalities; but the personalities had the assistance of the author. The music was bright, melodious, and catchy, instead of, as in the old burlesques, consisting of popular airs taken from the "halls"; and the chorus consisted of artistically attired ladies who could sing sweetly and move gracefully, and who were drawn from quite a different class than the old female burlesque "artiste."

It was not the fate of the greatest pioneer of light entertainment who has just passed away, to handle the revue, which has intruded from music hall to theatre, and threatens for the moment to oust the musical play, but we may be certain that GEORGE EDWARDS'S instinctive sagacity and artistic instinct would have given a new turn, an original cachet, to even such a go-as-you-please form of attraction. His excellent taste would have made the most of scenic display; he would have gathered a crowd of artists round him who would have revived the best traditions of travesty; and there would have been music refined, dainty and original. We are told by some pessimists that the revue will swallow up pantomime. This is a misfortune that no one need fear. What we are all regretting is that it seems to have deposed musical comedy from its pride of place, and robbed us—only temporarily, we hope—of a form of entertainment that exactly suited the temperament of the Briton, and was under the aegis of a genius of the stage.

Of the future of the revue it is difficult to speak. Theatrical and music hall managers are marking time until the fuller opportunity that will come with the blessedness of peace. Then the nation will emerge from the cleansing fires of war tragedy chastened and purified, with newer philosophies, a saner outlook, nobler ambitions, and higher artistic aims. What will be the theatrical fashion of the after-war period it is impossible to tell. Habits of thought will be different, no doubt, but it is certain that we may look forward more than ever to a dramatic art that rests on sanity, health, and humour. It should dwell with a pleasant touch on serious things, and be honest and sincere. Under more ennobling conditions, too, there should be place for a light entertainment that should be, in its literary quality and music, immeasurably superior to the revue.

"WILL YOU WALK INTO MY PARLOUR?"

Play, in One Act, by Rosemary Rees, Produced for the First Time in England at the Artillery Theatre, Woolwich, on Monday, Oct. 18.

John Craven Mr. R. M. Dalzell
Philip Leyland Mr. A. Russell-Davis
Hicks Mr. Albert Marks
Jennie Strange Miss Rosemary Rees
The scene is John Craven's office in London. He is a City swindler, who has in the past persuaded Philip Leyland, an old clerk, to buy worthless bonds in the City Rattler Railway. Leyland has handed to Craven a mortgage on his house and a bill of sale on his furniture in order to raise the money—£900—for the bonds. When the play opens Leyland implores Craven to give him time to meet the mortgage, but the latter is determined to sell the old man up the next day. Crushed and broken, Leyland retires, and a moment afterwards an American music hall artiste, Jennie Strange, is announced. She is apparently very wealthy, and informs Craven she has heard of a "real tip-top good thing," and wants to buy Rattler Railway bonds. Craven manages to read a cable from America which the lady had refused to show him, announcing that she had been found on one of the railway concessions. Craven at once decides to get back the bonds from Leyland. On the entrance of the old man the girl pushes into his hand a slip of paper telling him to ask £1,000 for the bonds; and eventually he parts with them in exchange for the mortgage and bill of sale, and is free from the debt. When the girl re-enters she suddenly drops her American accent, and informs Craven that she is a poor provincial actress, Janet Leyland by name, and that, unknown to her father, she has hired a motor-car, assumed the character of Jennie Strange, and by means of a cable with the original message rubbed out and one of her own written in, has outwitted the swindler. He is left with the worthless bonds which he had originally foisted upon Leyland. The play should prove most attractive as a music hall sketch, as it is brightly and cleverly written. The sharper, Craven, was remarkably well played by Mr. R. M. Dalzell, and Mr. A. Russell-Davis gave a very pathetic and convincing performance of the poor, simple old clerk. A most portrayal of Hicks, Craven's factotum, came from Mr. Albert Marks; and the authoress, Miss Rosemary Rees, was extremely successful as the blatant Jennie Strange—with a very fine American accent—and then as the disguised Janet Leyland. The piece met with a most cordial reception on Monday night.

THE LYRIC, HAMMERSMITH.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the Play, entitled

"SHOULD THEY MARRY?"

This week, the management are giving the patrons of this popular house an interesting entertainment, provided by Miss Dot Stephens and Craig and Bulmer, Ltd., who produce in a prize-worthy manner the domestic drama, "Should They Marry?" by the Rev. A. J. Waldron. Miss Dot Stephens appears as Nora Stenhouse, and gives a very sweet and sympathetic impersonation. She rendered two songs, "A Little Bit of Heaven," and "Your King and Country need you" admirably. Mr. Fred Clifford gave a capital and vigorous representation of Richard Anselmy; and his son, Howard, was finely played by Mr. Victor Gammon. Miss Dora Wynne won all hearts with a powerful portrayal of Esther Carruthers. Mr. George Hudson and Miss Nellie Thorne-Hallam were both effective in their reading of Mr. Guy Borden, nephew to Sir Richard, and Lydia Borden, Guy's wife. Mr. Joseph Hill as the Rev. Norman Arthur exactly realised the character. Mr. Geo. H. Hazlehurst did well as Fish Crake, proprietor of a night club; and Mr. Victor Knight as Albert Perkins and Miss Lilian Drake as Dolly Whitfinn created much laughter.

OPERA AT THE SHAPTESBURY.

"FAUST," GOUNOD'S OPERA, IN ENGLISH.

REVIVED ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13.
Among the chief delights of the opera performances at the Shaftesbury are the singing and acting of the chorus. The mobility and expression of which each member is capable are a continual source of pleasure and surprise. This feature of "production" was much in evidence at the performance of "Faust," played for the first time this season on Wednesday evening last. Remarkably bright and vivacious was the "Fair" scene, and the return of the soldiers no less natural and spontaneous.

Speaking of the principals, the honours of the evening must be given to Mr. Robert Radford for his fine impersonation of Mephistopheles. Mr. Radford wisely chose to appear in the much-discussed black costume, which he draped with a voluminous red cloak, and wore in his cap a yard-long feather that frolicked in its movements like the very essence of devilry. He was in superb voice, and now and then—as in the apostrophe to the night—his tone was immaculately beautiful, completely satisfying the ear. And his conception of the part was excellent. Sardonic, bantering, subtle by turns, and always majestic, he bore himself with an ease and confident power that made him a very pink of Prince of Darkness. Very good was the garden-scene colloquy with Marthe, admirably played by Miss Edith Clegg. Miss Carrie Tubbs, the Marguerite, was, like Mr. Radford, singing the part for the first time. Except on one or two occasions on the extreme high notes of her voice, Miss Tubbs's tone was sweet as well as powerful, and told with great effect, especially in the concerted parts. She was not quick in the heart-lifting, vacillating role of convention. Indeed, the impression given was of a damsel much too eminently common-sense to be beguiled by the wiles of a Faust or the melodramatics of a Mephistopheles. Perhaps it was this impression that made the comprehensive curse of the gloomy Valentine seem even more disproportionate to the crime than ever. Mr. Frederick Austin played the unrelenting brother with tremendous earnestness. His voice, especially in the duel and death scene, sounded very well indeed. Mr. Frederick Blamey was a Faust of many good parts. He acted most capably and sang with splendid bright tone throughout. Miss Lena Maitland was an amiable and sweet-voiced Siebel, and Mr. Albert Chapman made a good Wagner. Mr. Hamish MacCunn was the able conductor.

"THE CALL."

Play, in Four Acts, by M. Dorothea Evans, Produced at the Liverpool Repertory Theatre Monday, Oct. 18.

Mrs. Williams Miss Nina Henderson
Ted Miss Doris Lloyd
Davie James Mr. Arthur W. Pusey
Old John Mr. William Dexter
Polly Miss Ellen Thorndike
Evan Evans Mr. Lawrence Hanray
Daniel Davis Mr. William Armstrong
Phillip Jones Mr. Harvey Adams
Margaret Morris Mr. Kathleen Johnston
Young John Mr. Geoffrey Goodhart
Mrs. Jones Miss Edith Barwell
Aythan Davis Mr. Wilfred E. Shine
Johannie Mr. Lionel A. Harris
Daisy Jones Miss Edith Smith
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The incidents of this play are enacted within a short radius—the neighbourhood of a village, which consists of a Bethel and the customary idle gossipers. Daniel Davis, a young, eloquent preacher, who is much appreciated by the residents, has been "called" to another situation, and resolves to accept same despite the fact that one of the village girls, named Polly, during the course of a conversation "in the pale moonlight," reminds him of previous doings between them, and likely results. Some time afterwards the abandoned mother leaves the village and wanders into the hills, where she finds shelter in a shepherd's hut. Here, eventually, comes her betrayer, whose real character having been revealed, forces the villagers to drive him out from amongst them, broken in health and spirit. The uniting of the man, woman, and child closes the play.

There is much good material in the work, but full appreciation of same is difficult by reason of the fact that the players were somewhat uncertain about the Welsh accent. Mr. Armstrong as the hypocritical preacher played in most convincing manner, and to Miss Thorndike, an actress of exceptional ability, must be accorded great praise for her very faithful portrait of the betrayed girl. The remainder of the cast filled in the picture acceptably.

Commendation is due to Mr. H. Lane Bayliff for producing the play in perfect manner, and also to Mr. Arthur K. Phillips for the completeness of the stage effects.

DALSTON THEATRE.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the Play, by Hall Caine, entitled

"THE PRODIGAL SON."

Mr. Marcus Draper presents this week, at the Dalston Theatre, "The Prodigal Son." Mr. Hugh Carmichael appears as Stephen Magnusson, Governor of Iceland, and makes the character a powerful one. Miss Nelson Ramsay as Anna Magnusson is also efficient. Mr. Darby Foster as Oscar Stephenson and Mr. Richard F. Symons as Magnus Stephenson, their sons, each help materially in the dramatic development of the story. Mr. Philip Renouf as Oscar Neilson, Miss Edith Groome as Helga Neilson, and Miss Grace Sweeting in the dual role of Thora Neilson and Edith assist in forcefully sustaining the interest; whilst Miss Lizette Chambers is also well placed as Margaret Neilson; Miss Elsie Smithers admirably represents Lady Shingstone; Mr. Fred J. Wright keenly sketches the Sheriff; Mr. Norman Clarke is the Pastor; Mr. F. C. Potter, the Director of the Casino on the Riviera; and Mr. C. B. Rawlings, the American Senator. Mr. Robert Wilby gives a good sketch of Eric Arneson, and Miss Nellie Sanford plays Mme. Pandor. The cast also includes Miss Veda Plinders, Mr. Richard Cowell, Mr. Wilfred Jessop, Mr. Charles Hyde, and Mr. W. Bishop.

STRADED THEATRICAL COMPANY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE ERA."

Sir,—The attention of my Committee has been drawn to a letter from Mr. Francis Laidler appearing in your issue of the 6th inst., wherein the Touring Managers' Association is mentioned in connection with a dispute between that gentleman and another manager.

As, however, the Touring Managers' Association has received no letter from either of the gentlemen in question, my Committee are of the opinion that the name of the Touring Managers' Association should not have been mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

Cecil Perry, Secretary.

5, Wardour-street, London, W.

Oct. 19, 1915.

Mr. Eric Gordon relinquished his engagement on Saturday last with Mr. Charles Locke after playing Bertie in "A Motherless Mite" company for 110 performances. This clever young artiste has been secured by Miss Florence Baines for juvenile singing lead in "Miss Lancashire, Ltd."

EARLY CLOSING FOR THEATRES.

By H. CHANCE NEWTON.

The proposal to substitute matinees for evening performances of theatres with no exception from Mr. Chance Newton, who gives in the following article cogent reasons why night shows should be continued, but should begin and end earlier, is a fact that our contributor ignores, however, is that the London streets, as was pointed out in a recent issue, are safer at 11 o'clock than at 10, as the later the hour the lighter the traffic. —(THE EDITOR.)

While all common-sensible people will continue to treat with contempt those "scare" crows who are ever ready to screech, especially when they see a chance of interfering with or of trying to abolish all kinds of harmless entertainments, it is nevertheless obvious that some temporary rearrangement as to the times of opening and closing theatres should be made to meet existing conditions. The proposal mooted in some quarters, namely, that

Only Matinees

should be given just now, does not appear to appeal to many managers. Up to the moment of going, to press only three theatrical managements have "opted" for daily matinees. One has cut off all its evening shows; another has arranged to add to those matinees one evening performance—that is on a Saturday—and the third is giving evening performances on Thursdays and Saturdays.

The All-Matinee idea does not seem likely to work. The ladies can go to afternoon shows, and so can the night worker, but for the most part the bread-winner can only attend the evening shows. There is no need—at present anyhow—for managers to close down at night. But there is a strong need just now for managers to

Alter the Times of Their Night Shows.

The plea I am now making is on behalf of people who, glad as they are to go to a theatre or a music hall for a brief relief in these terrible times, are beginning to be afraid to go to such places at night because the performances are over so late. In the present almost Cimmerian darkness of the streets it is difficult to thread one's way to tube and tram, to motorbus, and even to taxi if "it runs to it." And when the benighted and enlightened wayfarer has reached his tube, tram, or "bus point," the pouring out of so many thousands of people from the shows at past eleven, or later, makes it hard, and in some cases impossible, for large numbers to get home at all, except by the aid of "Shank's pony."

The difficulties, not to say the dangers, of this state of things are vastly increased when the playgoer or variety theatre patron has "the wife," "the sweetheart," or any of his other "women-folk" with him. And let managers remember that it is always a bad policy to do anything that

Keeps the Ladies from the Play.

They form the majority of our playgoers. Indeed, it is the ladies who, in countless cases, "make" the men go to the play. I could instance several theatres and "halls" where for years and years the lady patrons have been at the proportion of four or five to one man!

That some arrangement for earlier evening shows is necessary is proved by the fact that at many theatres, &c., the matinees are drawing "capacity" business, while the night shows often have a very meagre attendance. Therefore, I would advise that managers of theatres and music halls alike should start not later than seven o'clock or even six thirty or six—just as many of the twice-nightly suburban and provincial variety houses do with their respective first "houses." Plenty of people could get to the play by six or seven o'clock and sit down to the play and pay a stall-folk, surely it would not hurt or inconvenience many of them to fix their dinner hour a little earlier than is now the custom.

Anyhow, it is certain in these doubly "dark" days, that whatever time an evening performance starts it should

Finish by Ten o'Clock Sharp.

I can assure managers that any undue "lateness" in dropping the curtain is a shockingly bad advertisement, and causes otherwise willing and would-be playgoers to stop away from such places in their thousands.

In the early days of the British and Irish stages, theatrical and such performances had to be given in the afternoon, as there was little or no lighting of what streets there were. Thus we read that in, say, the days of the Great Elizabeth, of the so-called "Merry Monarch," right on through the reign of the still defunct Queen Anne, plays used to start about three o'clock, so that the patrons thereof could get home before highwayman-time. Even then playgoers and playactors alike often suffered robbery and sometimes murder on the way home.

When evening performances set in they grew, in many cases, later and later, I mean as to their finishing. Often they started very early. I can well remember that in my early childhood's play-going and playacting days the theatre

Began at Six and Finished at Midnight.
Six till 12.30 and even 1 a.m. was the usual thing at the "Brit" in Hoxton; the City of London, in Norton Folgate; the Marylebone; the Standard (now the Olympia), Shoreditch; the Eppingham (now "Wonderland"), Whitechapel; and the Pavilion, in what Sam Gerridge would call "the immediate neighbouring vicinity." And this early starting and late ending was a good deal in evidence even in the West-End theatres of those days. Oftentimes I have gone to the Adelphi, the Haymarket, and the Olympic and sat in front, or did what I had to do at "the back" from 6.30 to 1 a.m. That was the end of the period when the publichouses were open all night!

Here—"please find" a couple of terrible stories concerning two

Abnormally "Late" First Nights.

Strange as they seem, they are true, and they happened in my own playgoing experience. One was the production of an Irish drama called "Oonagh," at Her Majesty's. This play was the work of Edmund Falconer (born O'Rourke). He was a fine actor, but as a dramatist very wordy. "Oonagh" was in seven acts. It started at seven o'clock. By half-past two the next morning it had only reached the middle of the third act!

The audience grew more and more furious. But in spite of all entreaties both from the audience and the actors, Falconer continued to "lidle out" his long, long speeches. Eventually, at nearly 3 a.m., the scene shifters rushed at the author-actor, dragged him off, tore up the carpet, and dropped the curtain. "Oonagh" didn't have even a run of one consecutive night—for it was never finished.

Another "late" night was that of the first performance of "Monte Cristo" at the Adelphi, with those famous players, Fechter, old Ben Webster, George Belmore, and Mrs. Alfred Mellon in the cast. It was in five long acts, and started at 6.30. When the midnight hour was about to strike, the pit and gallery folk began to sing in chorus,

"What About Closing Time?"

When we reached the middle of the third act at 1.30 on Sunday morning these choristers changed their refrain to "What about church in the morning?" At 2.10 the curtain fell, with a hurried up finish.

OUR BROADSHEET.

By ALFRED BARNARD.

STAGE HEROISM.

It has always been the custom of scribes endeavouring to angle successfully for the populace to put into every story a hero and heroine, both of whom are contrasted sharply with a villain. Plays, like stories (perhaps only in this one respect), have also heroes in them, and there is the playgoer who loves naught better than to witness the sometimes unnatural and far-fetched self-sacrifice of the character in the play who is appealing to the finer instincts of the audience. The footlights, then, have long been identified with heroism; presented for the amusement of the people. But what of the real life heroism shown by some actors and actresses in theatres when alarm is spread among the audience owing to outbreak of fire and other causes? During the recent air raid over the London area several audiences were much startled by the sounds from without that broke in upon their revels. The presence of mind of actors and actresses, who, in several cases continued to perform in spite of the sudden sounds from anti-aircraft guns and bombs was simply astounding. Some day I hope to have the pleasure of mentioning the names of one or two people in particular who undoubtedly by their heroic conduct and presence of mind prevented panic that would have done more damage than the Zeppelin bombs.

A Raid Story.

Here is a story of the raid attributed to a certain well-known press manager. After the raid was over he returned from his labours somewhere in the London area to his rooms, which had suffered from an explosion that had taken place near by. His piano was standing on end, his carpet was hanging from the ceiling, the windows were shattered, and the table and chairs were wrecked. There was one thing in the room, however, which remained undisturbed, and that was the cage in which dwells his old friend and companion, a grey parrot. The owner stood surveying the dishevelled scene for a few moments, and then he murmured, "Well, well, Polly, what do you think of this now?" And Polly replied in shrill and piercing tones, "God strafe the Kaiser!"

And here is another Zep. story. A certain well-known manager of a variety theatre situated between John o' Groats and Land's End was informed of the possibility of an air raid. His place of entertainment was full when he heard the news, and lest any ill-fortune should befall his house, he instructed his staff of liveried men to keep their allotted posts, and should a bomb strike the building no man must move. If any man neglected this order, and did move, then he was to be dismissed on the spot. Well, the Zep. came, and dropped a bomb near enough to cause a disturbing sound to reverberate through the building. When the last echo had died away the manager rushed out from his office to see whether any of his men had moved. They all stood exactly as before the explosion. "Good men," cried the manager. They started, took one hurried and terrified glance at him, and then bolted into the street. They were more afraid of their manager than they were of the Zeppelins.

What Will They Be?

Talking of the living liveried ornaments who inhabit the halls and vestibules of our splendid modern palaces reminds one particularly of that amazing modern youth, the music hall page boy. You tender your card to a portly gentleman in handsome livery on entering, and in deep and sonorous voice he calls, "Psg." Then from nowhere, or perhaps from behind some stout old lady, which amounts to much the same thing as a Zep., there slides, glides, or slithers a thin boy in buttons. His nose is lively and red-like, and no matter how great the crush, he will snatch the card from the link-man's hand and disappear again, sliding between people who appear to be touching each other, without touching them.

He is an amazingly rapid little person during his busy hours, and he is often very comical in his off moments. When the people are all in and he has nothing to do but stand by, he will beguile his time by making the most astonishingly impudent grimaces at his immediate chief, or if another boy is on hand he will engage in a brief but violent wrestling bout, taking all the risks of getting into trouble and never being caught. A lady recently took a great fancy to one of these imps, and added him to her staff of domestic servants under the severe eye of the butler. But the experiment failed. The lad was out of his native element, and, finding life dull and tedious, he played pranks in order to keep himself alive. He was chiefly remembered in that locality for creeping up behind old gentlemen who were crossing the road and giving a loud blast from a motor-bike horn concealed in his pocket when close behind them. What will these boys grow up to be?

THE MARLBOROUGH.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the Comedy, entitled "THE ANGEL IN THE HOUSE."

This successful comedy is the attraction at the Marlborough this week, the present being the first time that the play has been seen in North London. Mr. Basil Sydney scores a notable success in the part of the Hon. Hyacinth Pavelev, and Mr. Theodore R. Nugent does very well as Sir Rupert Bindloss. Praiseworthy performances, too, are the Basil Malet of Mr. Oliver Johnston and Count Pietro Rossi of Mr. Horace Sequeira. Miss Daragh plays with much charm and grace the role of Lady Sarel, and the character of Laile and Jean Bindloss are quite life in the capable hands of Miss Hope L'Estrange and Miss Ivy Sawyer respectively. Mr. W. H. Dyer as Robert completes the cast. The principal piece is preceded by an interesting curtain-raiser, "The Studio Mystery," excellently played by Messrs. Basil Sydney, Oliver Johnston, Horace Sequeira, T. R. Nugent, and Miss Daragh.

KENNINGTON THEATRE.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the Play entitled

"THE STORY OF THE ROSARY."

The popular melodrama, "The Story of the Rosary," was presented at the Kennington Theatre on Monday last before an audience who followed with deep sympathy and interest the trials and tribulations of the hero and heroine throughout the piece, till the happy reunion of the much-persecuted pair in the last act. The performance went smoothly from first to last. Mr. Harry Braban as the injured hero, Paul Roman, Miss Evelyn Hope as the distressed heroine, Venetia Sabran, Mr. Lionel Gadsden as Carl Larose, the faithful and trusted friend of both, and Mr. Graeme Campbell as the villainous cousin Philip Roman, all acted their parts well and soon got into touch with the audience. Mr. Philip Darlen realised the part of Colonel Hildebrand to perfection, Miss Betty Martin as the Mother Superior sang "The Rosary" well, and Mr. W. H. Hallatt was a sympathetic Father Theodore. The light comedy parts were capably played by Mr. Vyvyan and Miss May Dallas as Lieutenant Peterkin and Wilhelmina respectively; whilst the Uncle Winklerstein of Mr. Philip Gordon delighted the audience, who showed their appreciation of the capabilities of the company by numerous recalls.

VARIETY GOSSIP

The Theatres and Music Halls Committee of the London County Council will sit at Clerkenwell Sessions House on November 4, to hear applications for music, music and dancing, and stage-play licences. The list includes applications for 640 licences in respect of 570 places.

Mr. Oswald Stoll has given notice of his intention to apply again for a music and dancing licence for the Fulham Hippodrome, which he proposes to erect in Fulham-road. He is also petitioning for the removal of the restriction forbidding the sale and consumption of intoxicating drinks at the Coliseum. A similar application is made on behalf of the London Hippodrome.

Among the applicants for new licences are Miss Lena Ashwell and Mr. Frank Curzon, who desire music and dancing licences for the Kingsway and Playhouse Theatres respectively; and Captain F. E. L. Vaughan is applying for a music licence for the Army Recruiting War Pictures Exhibition on the old Tivoli site.

The annual general meeting of the Music Hall Artists' Railway Association will be held on Wednesday next, Oct. 27, at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, at 12 o'clock (noon), when Mr. Joe Elvin, the president, will occupy the chair. At this meeting the annual report of the Committee will be submitted, also the statement of receipts and expenditure.

Mr. Oswald Stoll has just outlined a new book, written "out of his own head," to an "Era" representative. The great variety impresario states this new work from his pen will not be of an occult or mystical kind, as were his previous published writings. The new Stoll volume will deal with finance, and will (Mr. Stoll assures the "Era" man) be found particularly interesting to income-tax payers, especially those of the Variety and Theatrical professions.

In the meantime Mr. Stoll is proud of the fact that that excellent singer, Mr. Julian Henry, in his two weeks' collections at the Coliseum for Mr. Stoll's splendid War Seal Foundation Fund for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors, totted up the good round sum of £1,200. Mr. Henry (who is also properly proud of this result) is collecting again this week. He reckons, we understand, to bag at least another £500 for this noble cause.

When Mr. George Graves leaves the Empire to appear at Drury Lane in Mr. Arthur Collins's pantomime, "Puss in Boots," the gap caused by his departure in the cast of "Watch Your Step" will be filled, partially at least, by the well-known Franco-Swiss clown, Grock, who has recently been appearing at the London Pavilion and Coliseum. The newcomer happens to be the funniest musical clown on the stage.

In aid of the "Our Day" Fund to be raised to-morrow in aid of the British Red Cross Society and St. John of Jerusalem, variety managers and artists have come to the front magnificently. There will be a grand matinee at the Empire, Leicester-square (with at least two Queens present). The Variety Theatres Controlling Co. (directed by Messrs. Alfred Butt and Walter de Frece) will give matinees at many of their houses, and the Variety Theatres Consolidated, the "Syndicate," and certain of the Gulliver Circuit theatres will also join in the good work.

The Savoy Theatre, Glasgow, at the south-west corner of Hope-street and Renfrew-street, is for sale by private bargain. It affords accommodation for about 2,000 persons, and is excellently equipped in every way for immediate business. J. M. Taylor, Nelson, Walker and Co., Writers, 180, St. Vincent-street, Glasgow, can give particulars.

Robert Roberts is dancing at the "Our Day" matinee at the Empire to-morrow, at which Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra will be present. He will create the principal rôle in "Theban Night," which is by J. Nougues. He is to be the Greek boy, Millito, and Mme. Aetassera, of the Imperial Ballet, Petrograd, will be the Queen, Nitocris. The chorus and corps de ballet will number about fifty or sixty.

When Sir John Hare starts his music-hall tour next month he will have completed half a century on the stage, for he appeared at the Prince of Wales's in 1865, the year that saw the start of the Rancrofts' famous season at that theatre. "A Quiet Rubber," which Sir John will produce at the halls, is nearly forty years old, as it dates from his first managerial essay. He will resume his old part of Lord Kildare.

Mr. Shaun Glenville, I regret to hear, has had to undergo an operation, which was performed on Tuesday by Sir Alfred Fripp, at the Netley House Nursing Home, 15, Henrietta-street, Cavendish-square. The patient, who has been playing in "Light Blues" on tour, had to travel from Manchester on Saturday night after the show.

Miss Zena Doran, who has been in charge of the Glasgow Empire booking-office for some ten years, was married at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Glasgow, on Monday, the 18th, to Mr. Patrick Weir, of Drumbar, Co. Donegal. A magnificent silver tea service, the gift of the theatre staff and some friends, was presented by Mr. Cecil A. Collins, the manager.

The late Mr. Morris Abrahams, a successful comic singer in his very young days, was a great admirer of George Leybourne, to whom he gave more than one engagement. His sons, Joseph, now connected with the Pavilion Theatre and other places of amusement, and Frederick, are residents of Canonbury.

Mr. Frank Potts has taken over the general management of the I.V.T.A. (International Variety and Theatrical Agency, Ltd.), 226, Piccadilly. Mr. Potts will be not only well known as manager of the Tivoli, Cape Town, and Empire, Johannesburg, but as having for some long time been associated with Mr. Schlesinger, of the African Theatres and African Films Trusts. The business astuteness and urbanity of Mr. Potts should prove of considerable value to the varied activities of the I.V.T.A.

In response to a request by Canon Otley, Chas. Coburn sent to a British man-of-war of the 1st Battle Cruiser Squadron a large supply of "props," wigs, and dresses from his wardrobe, and received letters of grateful acknowledgment, through Mrs. Otley, from Captain Walter Cowan, of H.M.S. Princess Royal; Lieut. Guy B. Otley, of the same ship; and from N. Bandall, one of the crew, who writes:—"I remember you quite well in my boyhood's days, and how I used to enthuse over your turn. This, your latest, is one of the greatest 'turns' you have done in your whole career. You would be amply rewarded for your thoughtful kindness could you but see the boys dancing with glee at such piles of good things." Bandall's letter is signed by John Haigh, H. C. Smith, Henry J. C. Williams, Wilfrid Healy, Edward Budgen, Wm. E. Tongue, Harold Higgs, and Herbert Spendlove.

The 25th anniversary of the Newcastle Empire will be celebrated on Dec. 1, and marked by the issue of a souvenir giving the history of the house. There will, of course, be special additions to the programme. It is notable that Mr. Dawson, the musical director, has been engaged at the house since its opening night.

A special matinee has been arranged by Mr. Frank Allen for Thursday, Nov. 18, at New Cross Empire, to assist the "Daily Chronicle's" excellent fund for sending Christmas parcels to the front. The choice of this theatre is especially happy in view of the enormous prominence of New Cross and district in providing recruits, besides war workers of every kind. A strong programme is being arranged.

A little play of Scottish life and character will be produced at the Victoria Palace on Monday. It is entitled "The Pie In The Oven," the author being well and most favourably known to a host of our readers as J. J. Bell, creator of "Wee MacGregor." Interest in the new playlet will be increased by the announcement that it will be presented by a capital company, including Dickson Moffatt, Vi Moffatt, Mary Campbell, and Watson Hume Moffatt, who plays the village constable.

Harry Dent has in active preparation an entirely original revue called "Turn Heads"—a novel title which covers a novel idea. The selection of the cast is now under consideration.

Leslie Norman Cathie, professionally known as Leslie Cliff, a variety artiste, was granted his discharge in bankruptcy on Thursday, subject to a suspension of six months. He attributed his position to the costs of unsuccessful litigation.

Sergeant Franklin, of the Bantams, who left the music hall stage for the Army, has recruited 1,004 men for the 23rd Welsh Battalion in nine weeks.

An application for an order of discharge was made on Thursday on behalf of Mr. Eustace Hotham Burnaby, theatrical manager, who was adjudged bankrupt on July 7, 1914. The bankrupt attributed his insolvency to losses in theatrical ventures and interest on borrowed money. His liabilities were estimated at £1,240, against assets £68. Mr. Clifton said that his client was a captain in the Army. He had been officially reported missing, and it was not known whether he was still alive. His Honour adjourned the application for six months.

Last Saturday, during the football match between the Bath City A.F.C. and the 16th Batt. Highland L.I., at Bath, a collection in aid of the Red Cross Society was made by the lady artistes from the Palace Theatre in the costume of lady Highlanders. Miss Cicely Esdale, the charming principal of "Geel We're Busy!" kicked off.

Miss Nancie Vivien is appearing at the Bedford this week, where she is making a hit with the ballad, "I have you." Miss Vivien has a charming manner and a fine voice, which made her a big favourite. The audience would have welcomed another song, but time did not permit. However, we are sure to hear her in town often, for she would be an attraction on any bill.

On Thursday afternoon "Geel We're Busy!" revue company, then appearing at the Palace Theatre, Bath, followed the kindly example set by so many other music hall artistes, and gave an entertainment to the soldiers and other patients at the Royal Mineral Water Hospital. There was an appreciative audience in the Brymer Ward, including Mr. O. S. Meerwald (medical officer) and the matron (Miss Terry). The programme occupied two hours, and had been arranged by Mr. William Fowell.

Adèle Levey, the popular story-teller, on their return to the hospital after the "Quinney" matinee at the Haymarket, on Sept. 23, promised each of our lads a picture postcard of Mr. Henry Ainley. Next day she bought two dozen, which in two days she sold to friends, the "author" giving a pound. The idea has occurred to her to use her best endeavours to gather five pounds to present a chair for the Matthew Whiting Ward for the use of the wounded heroes, who are always so delighted to be wheeled around the wards to chat to the other lads. "Del" has now bought more picture postcards and will give a concert in December at the hospital, and christen the present the "Quinney Chair," a grateful compliment to a great actor and a kind friend.

Rifeman Fred Evans, more widely known as "Pimple," and nephew of Will Evans and other members of a famous stage family, desires through our columns to make a special appeal to his colleagues in the variety profession for recruits for the First Surrey Rifles, in which a "Sportsman's Company" has been formed. Numerous variety artistes have joined, and members of the profession would find themselves in congenial company. The members of the battalion have every claim to the title of "sportsman" for they have Pat O'Keefe, middle-weight champion of England, to represent boxing; Sergt. Ernie Barry, champion sculler of the world, to superintend the sporting section; and Rifeman Evans to look after the "pros." department.

One night last week the electric light suddenly failed at Brighton, and Mr. Robb Wilton was left on the stage at the Hippodrome there in total darkness until helped out of his awkward predicament by the stage manager, who brought him a small electric flash lamp. By the use of this he continued his performance by holding it to his face. The audience never moved, but sat in total darkness as if nothing unusual had happened. Another turn should have followed Mr. Wilton, but as no more light was available that evening, he closed the entertainment.

At the request of the Mayor of Dover and Brigadier-General Bickford (in command of Dover Fortress), the managers of the local places of amusement were requested to attend the Town Hall, Dover, at 12 noon on Saturday last, to discuss the advisability of meeting the requirements of the Defence of the Realm Act as to the hour for closing in the evening.

The following ladies and gentlemen were present:—Miss Showler (rep. Harry Day Amusements, Ltd.), on behalf of the King's Hall; Mr. Howard Sturges (representing the Royal Hippodrome), Mr. C. Bradford (the Palace), Mr. H. C. Bishop (representing the Queen's Hall, Pictures), and Mr. W. Burns (representing Shenly's Picture Palace, the Wellington Hall).

After a brief discussion with the Mayor, who placed the matter before them, it was unanimously agreed that on and after Monday, Oct. 25, all the local places of amusement shall terminate their performances at 10 p.m., so as to give the patrons at the various places ample time to get home in consequence of the necessary restrictions in regard to lighting. No differences are to be made as regards the performances.

Comedian, to well-known revue proprietor: "Do you want a decent comedian for your revue?" "No, thanks!" "Oh, yes, you do. I've seen it!"

During the absence of Miss Evelyn Florence, her part in "Honi Soit" at the London Pavilion has been played with great success by Miss Kitty Fielder, whose clever acting as Rosette and Maman is one of the hits of the revue.

Mr. Tom Edwards, the ventriloquist, who stated in the King's Bench Division on Saturday that in 1909 he made over his future earnings to a Mr. Sydney Lester on the latter's guarantee to him of £5 a week, was ordered by Mr. Justice Horridge to pay £25 a month towards extinguishing a debt of £900 to his sister, Mrs. Maud Cameron.

At Trafalgar-square on Friday afternoon, when Captain A. E. Rees, of the 2nd London Regiment, made an appeal for recruits, the first man to step up was Will Evans, the comedian, but he had to be rejected on account of age. Will then called for someone in the crowd to take his place, and eventually succeeded in obtaining several recruits.

Mr. Jack de Frece will be presenting shortly the latest things in revue, "Spots," which he calls a cyclonic comedy convulsion in five scenes. Among the principals will be Spry and Monti, Fenny Shaylor, an American comedienne, Molly Ward, and Norman Hayes.

Mr. Herbert Darnley is producing his new revue, "Merry and Bright," in the provinces on Nov. 1. The cast includes Miss Maudie Francis, Mr. "Billy" Ward, and the popular Herbert himself.

Miss Doria, with her canine sketch, "In the Maid's Absence," is footing the bill this week at the Palladium, Southport. After a week at the Ardwick Empire, she returns to town to play Shepherd's Bush Empire. She has booked forty weeks' tour in America, opening at the Orpheum, Minneapolis, on Jan. 31, 1916.

Mr. Bertram Hies, the popular acting manager of the Shepherd's Bush Empire, caught a severe chill some five or six weeks ago, and has of necessity been absent from duty. He returned on Monday, and his many friends will be glad to hear that he is now almost his old self again.

Mr. Charles Coburn informs me that his daughter Mary has sustained a severe loss in the death of her husband, Lieut. Harry V. Carley, on active service. The news was conveyed in the following telegram from the War Office:—"Deeply regret to inform you that Lieut. Harry V. Carley, of the 7th Norfolk, died of his wounds on the 14th October. Lord Kitchener expresses his sympathy." Lieut. Carley joined as a private at the outbreak of war, receiving his stripes within a fortnight, and rapidly achieved promotion to commissioned rank.

Miss Victoria Monks told the Official Receiver on Monday that she would have to go through bankruptcy. She had nothing, and no friends to help her. A personal friend of Miss Monks suggested that the creditors might accept a composition of 5s. in the £. He thought that the money could be found in six months. The liabilities amounted to about £1,200. Miss Monks met with a serious accident two months ago on the music hall stage. The meeting was adjourned until Nov. 8 to enable the debtor to lodge a proposal.

The annual general meeting of the Music Hall Ladies' Guild will take place at the Boulogne Restaurant, 27, Gerrard-street, W., at three on Friday, Oct. 29, when all friends of the charity are invited. Mr. J. Uccelli is thanked for lending his room. Committee members are requested to send in their nominations for president, two vice-presidents, and hon. treasurer, for the ensuing year, to the secretary at the Guild offices, 3, Newport House, Great Newport-street.

Private Wilson Roberts writes:—"Perhaps it would help some young fellows in the profession to decide if they knew that we have in the 19th Battalion, London Regiment, a 'Pals' Company' for professionals. If they exist in this regiment they will be placed in a company of pros, and also billeted together. The pros, who are already in the battalion are all smart soldiers, and a great number of them are now sporting their one, two, or three stripes. I will willingly answer any letters addressed to me at the Depot, 76, High-street, Camden Town, re this 'Pals' Company, and I may here state that all fares will be paid to headquarters from any part of the British Isles after enlistment."

The sad case of Frank Lisbon, who joined the French army and was badly wounded at Ypres, has been taken up by the Music Hall Ladies' Guild, who have arranged to give him part of proceeds of a matinee in aid of their institution at the Oxford on Wednesday next. Mr. Lisbon was stranded in France at the commencement of the war, and joined the 5th French Regiment. He is now suffering from a bad wound in the side, and has lost all the fingers of one hand.

Stan Mayville (Sergeant-Major Richmond), of The Mayvilles, gave me a call on Tuesday with his brother-in-law, Geo. Gulliver, ventriloquist. He is home on seven days' leave, after serving seven and a half months somewhere in France, where he has been acting as interpreter. He has grown a moustache, and is looking fit and well. He asks us to convey his best wishes to all friends.

The secretary of the Terriers submitted on Sunday a scheme for a Terriers' Lodge, the proposal being to remove from the present headquarters to a private suite of rooms, to be furnished and equipped by the Order. The scheme was fully explained on Sunday to a large gathering of Terriers, and unanimously adopted. Negotiations are now in progress. Meanwhile, the meet on Sundays will continue to be held at the Three Stags Hotel. Full particulars of the scheme will be sent in due course to all Terriers.

Included in Carlton's clever entertainment are a number of tricks with ordinary playing cards, and he has been good enough to send a hundred packs for distribution to the "Sporting Life" Playing Cards Fund. Carlton has inserted a miniature caricature of himself in each pack, and the recipients will also find the following message enclosed:—"These cards have been used once in my performance. May they bring you good luck—Yours sincerely, Carlton." He promises a further supply later on.

There is on the part of my readers such a universal feeling of personal esteem for Mr. W. F. Bennett, our advertisement manager, that I am sure they will join with me and the staff in hearty congratulations to him on the completion of forty years' service in the business department of "The Era." Mr. Bennett, who has assisted in the publication of 2,000 numbers of our Journal, declares himself to be in the pink, and, with our readers and contributors, we wish him a further sheaf of happy years.

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One usually pictures Dan Rolyat amid surroundings of feminine charm, and he is, therefore, quite at home in the rôle of gardener at a seminary for young ladies. He is, for a time, the "only one Adam" amid many fascinating Eves in a superb garden of Eden, but it is not for long that his prerogative in this respect remains unchallenged. Albert Milton, in the person of Mr. Albert Lettine, an attractive youth with considerable initiative, is in love with one of the fair students, Daisy, otherwise Miss Kathleen Kingston, and disguised as a new pupil, contrives to enter the seminary, and successfully deceives the principal, Cynthia Goodall, a character admirably sustained by Miss Fannie Hearn, while revealing his identity to the girl with whom he is in love.

A runaway match is planned, and the truant finds themselves eventually in the Cabaret Parisian, where they are followed in hot haste by the exasperated schoolmistress, not without considerable personal discomfort and risk of reputation. The prim and proper pedagogue, once amid the gaiety of the cabaret, proves as susceptible to its fascination as her erring pupils, sustaining in the process considerable loss of dignity, and but narrowly escaping arrest by the police as the presumed owner of the premises.

From this short outline of the story it will readily be appreciated that many highly ludicrous situations are created, and Mr. Dan Rolyat does not fail to make the most of them. Apart from its mirth-provoking qualities, "She's a Daisy" boasts other excellent features, prominent among them being the vocal contributions of Miss Kathleen Kingston, who has several capital songs at her disposal. "Love comes and goes" and "The palace of golden dreams" are among her most popular effusions in this direction. Others who share the vocal honours are Miss Irene Shamrock as Fifi, in a very bright and breezy little ditty, "Cabby, take me to that Cabaret," fascinating Miss Constance Worth, who makes excellent use of her opportunities, and Mr. Albert Lettine, who has a particularly attractive number in "You must be up to date." A dance, "Jealousy," by Chevallier and Le Noir, provides a striking incidental performance of the Apache description.

Harry Hudson, in "Pianohumour," foreshadows St. Helena as the ultimate destination of the Kaiser, and as the modern apostle of Kultur and errors, suggests His Majesty's effigy in the Chamber of Horrors. The Japanese are universally recognised as expert acrobats and tumblers; and the Yamagata Troupe worthily uphold the national traditions in this respect. Many of their

achievements are truly awe-inspiring. Nora Delany, "the girl in the uniform," sings that well-known favourite, "Good-bye, Virginia," and has another capital song, "The Yiddisher Irish baby"; while Little Gandy throws some amusing sideglances on racecourse procedure. Farr and Farland, "who do nothing—but create laughs," certainly did not contradict their programme description on Monday evening, the audience being in a perpetual state of merriment during their tenure of the stage.

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Flora Cromer is appearing with a versatile selection, contributing three numbers widely different in character, "Little Abby Cohen" apparently being the audience's favourite. Cooper and Lait have a new burlesque, in which they show to advantage, entitled "Cupid and Psyche," which is undoubtedly funny. Bert Harrow, aptly described as a rum comedian, has some droll tales to tell.

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VARIETY NOTES.

Jay Laurier plays the principal part in "Little Jack Horner" at the Marlborough, Holloway, this Christmas. He has a capital song, which he introduced to Hackney audiences last week, entitled "Shall we? Let's." When playing round West London recently every evening for three weeks on his way home Jay, just before closing time, would stop his car outside a certain hostel and partake of refreshments, in which the landlady was asked to join. After the first week the landlady, his wife and daughter were very curious as to the identity of the gentleman. One night mine host, who has a large collection of photographs of well-known professionals, remarked, "Good evening, sir. Lovely evening. Had a nice ride?" "Yes, thanks. Nice photos, those sir," was the reply. "Yes, Marie Lloyd, great artist. Do you know her, sir?" "No, I don't know her personally, but I admire her as an artist." Second night: "Good evening, sir; been a nice day; been to the races?" "No, I take no interest in racing." Third night: "Good evening, sir. Great fight at the Ring; did you go?" "No; I don't care about prize fights." And so on. The last week Jay was playing Shepherd's Bush; and called as usual. He was greeted by the proprietor: "Ha, ha, good evening. Since Smince Pie! Mother, here's Smince Smince Pie. Boie, quick, here's Smince Smince Pie." The daughter, coming across the bar, says, "Ah, good evening, Mr. Rickaby. How do you do?" Wilson Mallett, who was sharing the top of the bill at Woolwich last week, played at the Olympia, Shoreditch. He should be on a world's tour now, but this has been cancelled. Wilson, who is not booked for panto, yet, has a good date book. Many years ago at Epsom, before he reached his present

enviable position, Wilson was standing outside a large concert hall with a confrere. Both were very hard up, and were looking at a string of carriages arriving, when Hallett was approached by an old showman whom he had met on his travels. Asked if he and his friend would like to perform at the concert Wilson readily agreed, the showman promising to pay the couple 30s. if business was good; if not, according to results at the pay-box. Being ready some time before the curtain rung up, Wilson thought he'd just go and have a peep through at the audience. Returning with a very long face, his companion enquired, "Well, how do things look?" "Not very grand," replied Wilson; "there's only one old girl in, so far." "But what about all the ladies and gents who arrived in the carriages?" "Oh, they are upstairs in the other concert room; we are not playing to them, so bang goes our chance of getting out of Barnstable to-night."

Edie Day has been engaged to play principal boy in F. J. Little's pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," which will be produced at Greenock. Edie received several other offers. After panto, she will be seen in revue, having had a very tempting offer through Richard Carr, of Tom Shaw's Agency.

Tom Shaw's Agency. Richard Carr, of Shaw's Agency, has just fixed Geo. French to play principal comedian in "5064 Gerrard" on tour. Other principals he has booked for pantomime and revue include May Henderson, Mona Vivien, Bert Harrow, Marien Walker, J. H. Wakefield, and other well-known artists. Mr. Carr is in negotiation with a titled gentleman and another well-known actor for two revues, and has also received offers for Tom Poy, who is unable to accept, as he is booked for several years ahead.

Doctor Bodie sails for Africa by the Llandovery Castle on Oct. 23 for the Standard Theatres Agency. Dr. Bodie plays Africa for twelve weeks, with a possible world's tour. His date book should keep him in England, but as he has not been at all well of late, by the kindness of various proprietors, who have released him, he is now able to take this trip. The doctor is extensively booked, and hopes to be back by next April to commence the Moss halls.

Terry Twins are not in the least worried over the No Treating Act. As one can't tell t'other from which it does not affect them. Recently the couple entered a hostel. Frank went up to the counter and called for a Bass. This he immediately took over to Charlie, and, returning again, he called for another, whereupon the astonished Hebe remarked: "What have you done with the Bass I served you with two seconds ago?" "That was not me, miss," replied Frank, "that was my brother Charlie over there." And that's how Frank treated his brother.

Leslie Glenroy, the mimic, is still scoring in "The Passing Show" on tour, with impersonations of well-known comedians. Since joining this show he has received various other offers.

Vivian Foster, the clerical comedian, is booked on the Stoll Tour until 1916. He finished at Hackney last week, and opened at Ardwick Empire on Monday. He will be back again at Shepherd's Bush on Nov. 1. Vivian played the Coliseum three weeks ago, and will be there again at Christmas. Some time ago, when touring the principal halls with Anna Pavlova, a pierrot whom he knew by sight was occa-

sionally to be seen in the front row. He met him accidentally the other day, and was greeted with the remark, "Hallo, Foster, I'm glad I have met you. I've been wanting to congratulate you on your gags; I've worked them for four years; they're darn fine."

James Stewart and Fred Leigh. The tramp pianist, in collaboration with Fred Leigh, wrote the lyrics and composed the music for Chas. Aspin's production, "Parker's Revue," produced at Dover last week. The couple have a capital pantomime song for this year, entitled, "I must be hams for New Year's Day." This is a really good Scotch number, with a tuneful and catchy melody, and any panto artist may obtain permission to sing it by writing to Fred Leigh, care of Francis and Day's.

R. G. Knowles remains in the Oxford bill for two more weeks, afterwards going to Shepherd's Bush. He also plays a number of Stoll and independent halls for a few weeks in the provinces, returning to town about the middle of December, when he will play the West-end. Last week at the Oxford a member of the audience interrupted several times by making a peculiar kind of clicking noise. "Don't talk in your sleep," said R. G., "and if

you are not asleep, put your boots outside and register." The offender was silent after this.

Cecil Watson, the brother of the inimitable Vernon, is occupying the orchestral chair at the Comedy Theatre during some of the scenes in which Vernon appears in place of Fred Emney. The pair have a number of original and well-thought-out gags for the Black-faced Tinney scene, which is a very funny one.

Anne Mana was at the Met. last week in new songs and some handsome gowns. Anna's success during the thirteen weeks she has been in town has secured for her two more Stoll tours, which fills her book up to June, 1916, with quite a number of dates running into 1918.

Barney Murphy, who is playing at Folkestone this week, returns in a fortnight's time to open at the Chelsea Palace. Barney had two more offers for revue last week, making altogether twenty-three. And still he waits. He does not impersonate C. C.

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Jessie Broughton and Dennis Greedon have just introduced a new song, "My dreams have all come true," by Kennedy Russell. The number proved a big hit at the Nottingham Empire on Monday evening.

Tom Davies.
Owing to straining his leg the mimic has been compelled to cancel his South African tour. He, however, at a later date hopes to fulfil his contract.

Katie Butler
is singing two new songs at Hackney this week, written by Harry Carlton, entitled "P.O. Mary" and "The Duchess of Whitechapel," both of which are proving very successful.

Van Koven,
the dippy mad musician, has been cabled by his American agents for his lowest terms to play America for eleven weeks. He quoted 750 dollars, but they offered him 600, which he refused. They then offered him the original figure, but in the meantime he fixed some London tours, and has now informed them the earliest he could return would be next February, and now wants 1,000 dollars, also stipulating the must not be asked to play the Western Pittsburg.

Charlie Whittle
is in town for about eight weeks, and is this week at Hackney, where his song, "Come dance with your Uncle Joe," is meeting with much laughter and vociferous applause.

Parker's Revue.
"Parker's Revue," which was produced at the Royal Hippodrome, Dover, last week, was an enormous success. There were crowded houses at each performance. The production, entirely in the hands of Mr. Arthur Mosses, went without a hitch from rise to fall of the curtain. On Monday night Miss Rhoda Brooke (Violet) was the recipient of handsome shower bouquets, and again on Saturday night.

Scott and Whaley in Revue.
Mr. Leo Fritz has engaged Scott and Whaley to star in one of his forthcoming productions to be presented on or about Dec. 13.

The Elliott-Savonas at Hackney.
"Where music dwells lingering, like thoughts whose very sweetness yieldeth proof." These lines, written by the poet Wordsworth, occurred to the writer as he listened on Monday evening at the Hackney Empire to the Elliott-Savonas. He listened, too, with a wise passiveness and a keen enjoyment to the concord of sweet sounds that issued from that wonderful Palace of Orpheus with its electrical surprises and its dazzling beauty. He was impressed by the old-world charm of the opening minuet—the graceful measure that Mistress Nell Gwynne might have danced with her royal lover. Xylophones, dexterously manipulated, rattled in rhythmic exhilaration; saxophones, with their stately tones interpreted overtones, and melody flooded the house. A splendid show, a great success, and any number of calls.

"Beauty Spot" Revue.
On Monday, the 11th inst., at the Tivoli, Hall, was celebrated the anniversary of Mr. Dick Ray's "Beauty Spot" revue, which has had a solid twelve

months' work, and looks like going easily another year at least. Mr. Ray was the recipient of a handsome gold-mounted walking stick suitably engraved, from the whole of the company, and Miss Thurston received a solid silver jewel casket. There were great rejoicings all round.

SOME POPULAR SONGS.

In a chat with Messrs. E. Osborne and Co.'s manager an "Era" man learned that their special song of the year is "God keep you safe." This composition has already been secured by the Elliott-Savonas, Mendel (the blind pianist), Mme. Michaeloff (of the Michaeloff Russian Trio), and many other leading artists. Another successful number is "Lovelight," which has a charming melody. "Perhaps the best possible song," added the manager, "for the use of principal boys, &c., in pantomime is the ballad entitled 'All for you,' which is sure to prove very attractive; as will also, you will find, 'What do you think of the Kaiser?' We have, of course, many other excellent songs on our list, which I think will meet every taste. Our firm considers itself fortunate in having secured John Ashton's popular waltz, 'Love of mine,' which is being played with great success by the L.C.C. bands and leading municipal orchestras; and in the same category comes Mr. Hubert Bath's famous intermezzo, 'Before the dawn.'"

A correspondent writes:—"There are at present 3,000 men in camp at Romney, and more are coming in. We are ten miles from Southampton, and the only place of amusement is a small picture hall at Romney, which is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants. The only other recreation for the men is to be found in the public-houses. I believe that a good portable could spend a profitable season here."

THE COLISEUM.

An early arrival on Mr. Stoll's current bill is Miss Leslie Elliott, a new comedienne at the piano, who scored a most gratifying success on Monday by the spontaneity of her humour. Her voice, sweet and telling, was heard in a sympathetic rendering of a new patriotic song, written and composed by George Rollitt, entitled "When Tom and Jack come marching back." Miss Helen Moray, another newcomer, is a soprano possessing considerable range. She chose two operatic excerpts, "Air des Bijoux" from "Faust," and the beautiful aria "Caro nome" ("Rigoletto"). Her rendering pleased the house, but she has a lot to learn before she can hope to do justice to such difficult solos.

Singers from the land of the Teal are always interesting, especially when they choose some of the beautiful folk songs of their suffering country. There is a tender melancholy haunting them that makes an irresistible appeal to the more intellectual lover of music, who looks beyond the conventional and the commonplace. Madame Ratmorova, a most accomplished Russian singer and a beautiful woman, chose two Slav love songs, which she gave in English. They were "Violeta" and "And you to my heart I shall press," which she sang with plaintive beauty and charm. She is the head of a trio which includes M. Dubia, a powerful and expressive tenor, who gave "On with the melody," from "Pagliacci," in Russian, and Vanya, a clever boy pianist and accompanist, who played a solo.

There is a disciple of hustle on the Coliseum bill. He happens to be a clever magician, and we will back him to say more in ten minutes than most men say in a week. His name is Frank Van Hoven, his motto "Hurry up, everybody," and his telegraphic address "Quickfire." His turn is one of never ceasing fun, and laughter grips the

house while he is on the stage. It was funny to watch the Coliseum audience on Monday afternoon. First there was a decided attitude of surprise; then smiles, later came short laughs here and there, and at last a continual roar. Frank is as refreshing and exhilarating as champagne, and can postpone indefinitely his return to the States.

Mr. Wilkie Bard, who makes his entrée this week, is presenting "The Night Watchman," in which he is seen at his best. He has a very charming partner in Mrs. Bard. Adeline Gendie's dancing is as delicately fascinating as ever in "The Dancer's Adventure," in its second week. Mr. Will Evans has revived "Harnessed a Horse," which has become a screamingly funny bit of pantomime fun since we first made its acquaintance, and Mr. Charles Norton introduces his well-known mimicry in his entertainment, "Pros at the Races."

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"LOVE BIRDS" AT THE MIDDLESEX.

The approach of "Love Birds" to the Middlesex was heralded by much complimentary chatter. This preliminary praise proved to be justified to an appreciable extent on Monday evening's performance. Mr. Herbert C. Sargent has provided the book, and that well-tried couple, Messrs. A. J. Mills and Bennett Scott, have liberally furnished it with lines and melodies. Mr. Robert Kelly being responsible for the production.

The revue can boast a novel opening. The stage manager, appearing before the curtain, stops the overture and craves the indulgence of the audience. The dresses have not arrived, he explains, but ere he has concluded his apology for the delay, there rushes through the stalls a lad laden with boxes of millinery from the costumiers. The cinematograph cloth is lowered, and the ladies of the chorus are revealed scrambling into their clothes. In another moment all is brightness, and the spectators behold a score or more of scintillating sirens adorning the Maison Cherry.

The proprietress is Daisy Cherry, who, despite the remonstrances of her father, a Colonel of the musical comedy breed, has determined to earn her own living. Additionally, she has repulsed the advances of Dick Dudley, a wealthy youngster of the something-defying-description type, unless he also works. Daisy, having missed money from her cash register, engages, by telephone, Miss Sherlock, a female detective, to catch the thief. Daisy mistakes Stuff, a messenger, for the detective, refusing, in spite of his explanations, to believe otherwise than that it is a wonderful disguise for a woman. Colonel Cherry enters when he thinks the place is unattended,

and removes the contents of the till—his idea being to rob his daughter until she is forced to give up the business to which he so strongly objects.

Stuff catches him red-handed and readily accepts a share of the money in return for his silence. Miss Sherlock, in the character of a volatile charwoman, watches the transaction while concealed behind the counter. The third scene is a florist's shop, a setting of West-End splendour. Stuff is the owner, and Dick Dudley has undertaken a job as his assistant in order to win Daisy, who also comes to the shop to seek employment, her own business having been bankrupted through her father's repeated robberies. Dick tells her the old story of having lost his money, and she confesses that she loves him more than a little. Miss Sherlock then brings Papa Cherry to book—explanations and congratulations ensue.

As Stuff Mr. Hal Bert is a comedian to remember with pleasure, full of resource, and entirely free from the aggressive methods of many exponents of similar types. Miss Jennie Hartley as Daisy seizes every opportunity to establish herself a favourite, and easily reaches the goal with a song entitled "I'm the bit of fruit they found when the leaves began to fall." Mr. Woolmer Young's Dick Dudley is a most agreeable person, full of life, nimble-footed, and vocally acceptable, especially in a duet, "Down Lavender Lane." A capital low comedy song about an old perambulator is delivered by Miss Hettie Mason as Miss Sherlock. By way of contrast one might suggest the introduction of a soprano, with one of those ballads at which Messrs. Mills and Scott have proved so expert and so prolific in production.

Preceding the revue is Mr. Sydney Moorhouse,

aptly described as the phenomenal baritone. His rendering of "Sincerity" achieved prolonged applause. Ivey and Madge Aberdare wear quaint costumes, and sing and dance delightfully. "My spoony girl," with Futurist effects, being particularly pleasant. Those always sure mirth-makers, the Cyclery Buffoons, afford another reason for visiting the Middlesex this week.

VERNON WATSON IN "SHELL OUT."

The absence from the cast of "Shell Out," at the Comedy, of Mr. Fred Emney has given the management an opportunity to engage Mr. Vernon Watson, whose experience in revues at the Empire stands him in good stead. Frankly, Vernon imitates his predecessor, and, as we all know, this can be done mechanically or humorously. We soon discovered how exceedingly funny the new lady who presides over "the white sale" could be, and the house on Monday night was in fits of laughter. Again, in the Restaurant scene, the droll touches of caricature were never absent. As an incidental Mr. Watson introduces his now famous Frank Tinney on a front scene. With such an excellent humorist there can be no question of the popular comedy revue maintaining a high standard of fun.

Mr. George Rae, the inimitable Scot, we are glad to hear, is keeping much better, and hopes to open at Cheltenham during this week.

C. J. Salliey (of Salliey and the Dude), who has only recently returned from a successful ten months' tour of Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, will shortly produce an entirely new comedy wire act under the name of Deric and Deene.

"THE DREAM GIRL."

Revue, Presented for the First Time in London at the Camberwell Empire on Monday, Oct. 18, 1915. Book by Norman H. Lee, Music by Joe Morrison, Produced by Geo. Keppel Stephenson.

The Camberwell Empire, so ably managed by London's only lady manageress, Miss Cissie Williams, sees its fair share of revue productions, some good, some mediocre, and some otherwise, but the one under notice certainly comes under the first category—it is one of the best seen here. It has an original plot. A young man in love with a pretty girl keeps breaking off at a tangent and talking about one Nadina, who lived years and years ago. A lady doctor is called in, and she prescribes for him a potion which will send him into a stupor for some weeks. During that time he is to be carried to the Island of Iahma, there to see materialised the rambling incidents that exist only in his mind's eye, and then she predicts he will forget his Nadina and marry the lady he is engaged to. This actually happens. The comedy element requires strengthening, but when this is done and the show well pulled together, the revue will be one of the best on the road.

Miss Daisy Squelch and her big brass six head the cast, and are a big success throughout, their varying selections being rendered excellently—perhaps the best were "The rosary" and Miss Squelch's cornet solo, "The last chord," both given in a beautiful cathedral interior scene. Miss Blodwen Butcher is another outstanding success, her fine soprano voice being heard in many musical numbers, notably "In the queen of revue" and "Land of the long ago," whilst her duet with Mr. Frank Wignall, "Where the roses bloom," evoked loud applause. Mr. Frank Wignall, who

we understand undertook the part at short notice after only one rehearsal, used his fine baritone voice to perfection in "In all my dreams." Mr. Bert Groves sustained the principal comedy rôle, and was very funny in his own unique way. When he has settled down more, and given better material, he will be even funnier. Miss Lillian Laurent was also successful in a low comedy rôle, and Mr. Edwin Sykes achieved success in a dual character. Miss Maxine Craven, a very pretty girl, gave a charming study of a French maid, and Miss Margery Moore, premiere danseuse, was seen in one or two clever terpsichorean efforts.

The famous sketch, "The Touch of the Child," by Leon M. Lion, is meeting with tremendous enthusiasm on tour. Mr. Sinclair Mill is supported by a powerful company, including Alice Miller.

Mr. Mat Melrose's revue, "Pekin to Paris," did excellent business at the Royal Coliseum, Bury St. Edmunds, last week-end. The piece is bright and amusing, the songs and dances are up-to-date, and dresses and mounting first class.

Fred Astley's Circus is making a most successful tour in Scotland. Recently at the Palace, Aberdeen, Fred had the satisfaction of seeing the "house full" boards outside.

There is trouble at Madame Tussaud's owing to the disappearance of the German Iron Cross from the unique collection of war relics there. For several months it has been handled with great interest by thousands of visitors to the exhibition, one of whom—perhaps inadvertently—took it away with him last Monday afternoon. If anyone should find the cross and return it to the exhibition a reward will be paid.

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GLASGOW AVIATION (rehearsal, 11).—Miss May Moore, Dupres, Toby Clark and Wm. Smythe and company, Madge Clifton, Daphne Wynne, Mooney and Holborn, Wray and Wicks, Hugh Hughes.

GUILDFORD THEATRE ROYAL.—Brewster's Millions.

HARROGATE EMPIRE THEATRE (rehearsal, 2).—Bert Williams, May Dalton, and pictures.

HEREFORD GARRICK THEATRE (rehearsal, 1).—Riley's Eight Wonders, Rivoli, Winnie Seaman, George Logan, Zona Fay, T. Norman Astor, "FACE" and "SHOE".

KINGSTON EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12.30).—Courtice Pounds and company, "Charles, His Friend," The Meszettes, Mlle. Camé, Frank Hartley, J. E. Sutton, Dobby Morell, Charles Norton, J. McNally and company, "The Borealis Boy," Violet Essex.

LEITH (REDINBURGH) ALHAMBRA.—Edie Halsey, Mackenzie Murdoch, Bedini and Bedini, Harry Leybourne, Muir Watson and Co., Cassie Walmer, Abel and Wyn, Billy Farrell.

LEITH PICTURE HOUSE.—Alec Main, Messrs. Trix, and company.

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LONDON, GOLDERS GREEN HIPPODROME.—Harry Weidon, Olga Edgar and Eli Hudson, Irene Pearce, Sisters Jerome, Jessie Berg, Bioscope, &c.

LONDON, GRANVILLE, WALHAM GREEN (rehearsal, 2).—Femina Quartette, Park's Elton Boys and Clifton Girls, Gaston Morel, Lloyd Morgan, Walker and May, Dodder, Kelly, Granville Bioscope, Constance Mori, Johnson and Bert, and Jack Smith.

LONDON PALACE.—"Bric-a-Brac," Allan Shaw, Bi-Bi, Bi-Bi, &c.

LONDON, SURREY THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—Carney and Sharpe, Soho Trio, Three Lascelles, revue, "Cheer Up."

LONDON VICTORIA PALACE.—Harry Weidon, Ernest Mayne, Malcolm Scott, Oswald Williams, Dickson Moffatt and company, Femina Quartette, Hanfrelas, Johnson and Bert.

LOWESTOFT MARINA THEATRE.—The Kleen Twins, Jack Edwin, Newman and Wynne, Connie Isola, Bu-Val, Lauri Brothers, Florence Jones, Eileen and May Trio.

LUTON THEATRE.—Whitely Trio, Laurette and Laurel, Ted Cowan, Sisters Sinclair, Jack Patterson, Le More and Dog, "As Ye Rejoice."

MIDDLESBROUGH EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12).—"The Silver Linings," The Sisters.

NORTHAMPTON NEW THEATRE.—Irene Armistead, Cyril Silver, Grogie, Richardson Troupe, Otto Viola, Evelyn May, Burns and Bentley, &c.

PENGE EMPIRE (rehearsal, 12.30).—Ethel and May, Little Gail, Barnes and Lee, Cleo De Peo, Messrs. E. W. Warden and P. Willmott present revue, "Wait and See."

PLYMOUTH PALACE THEATRE (rehearsal, 1).—Mark Sheridan, Marice and Maurice, Kittle Stuart and Players, Dolly Yarden, Balkeith, Baronesse d'Assipred and Tenor, Bro Webb.

READING PALACE THEATRE OF VARIETIES (rehearsal, 1).—Lillie Sottler, Dauntson-Shaw Troupe, Taree, Henry Carlton in "One Night Only," Chas Lewis, Sados, the Golden Athletes, Franco Piper, Pathé pictures.

SALFORD REGENT (rehearsal, 12).—Dusty Rhodes, Bronghton and Creedon, Fred Gilbert, Zellini, Little Joe Pac, Bernard and Bunney, Harry Beasley, Seven Brummas, May Newall, and pictures.

SOUTHPORT PALLADIUM.—The Westwoods, Chung Ling Soo, Perry and Wilson, and Maro Duo.

TAUNTON LYCEUM NEW THEATRE (rehearsal, 12).—"The Girl in the Taxi" (three days), Mahatma, Mignon.

WIGAN HIPPODROME (rehearsal, 11).—The Hassan Trio, Ted Le Roy and his juvenile troupe, Acro, Paze, and Marion, the Maid, the Musical Sisters, Edgar Curtis, J. P. Ling, Owen Thomas, the Hippocrit, Billy Houslin and Co., "H.M.S. Smash 'Em."

YORK EMPIRE (rehearsal, 1).—Ernest Doherty's revue, "Mind Your Own Business," Billy Matchett, Madeline Wells, James Hall.

"NEXT, PLEASE," AT HOLBORN.

American Comedy, Written, Produced, and Presented by Mr. Horace Hunter, on Oct. 18, at the Empire, Holborn.

This new import from the States is not a revue, as the title may suggest, but it is a well-conceived and finely acted little play, written round an amusing comedy idea. It may err a trifle in that it plays perhaps a little too heavily, but the capital finish, the point of the play, redeems it. It shows how Abe Solomon, a dealer in faked Old Masters, is cleverly taken in by Mr. Walter Lee, who sells him a copy of an obscure Vanduyck, and by Mr. Lee's lady partner, Pearl Gathney, a bogus millionaire from Arizona—up in New York buying pictures. The little plot, which is reminiscent of "The Vanduyck," is too intricate to give in a short notice, but it is capably worked out, and the little scene at the end is a dramatic surprise. The sketch is well presented, the stage appointments are unusually good, and there is a lavish display of Old Masters, and some of them excellent copies.

Mr. Horace Hunter played Lee to perfection, and he was admirably supported by Mr. Jeff Coates, an excellent Jewish comedian, who gave an original study of the picture expert. Miss Lily Hamersley was very entertaining as Pearl Gathney, and Mr. Fred Jennings played the small part of Marks.

STRATFORD EMPIRE.

Arthur Jefferson and company are presenting a farcical comedy playlet, entitled "A Night in Society," which concerns the visit of one Bobbie Baxter to his former engineering friend Harry Brown, who has got on and married into "Society." Although Harry is rather out of his element owing to the superior station of his wife and her circle of acquaintances, this is as nothing compared to the appearance of honest Bobbie Baxter, whose bucolic ideas and blunders are a cause of great hilarity; a serious touch to the playlet being added by Bobbie's discovery of an impending liaison between Harry's wife and one of her society friends, which is nipped in the bud, and all ends happily. Arthur Jefferson is delightfully droll as Bobbie Baxter, and he is extremely well supported.

Fred Karno's "All Women" revue is an attractive novelty, and its reception on Monday night was very cordial, the additional charm of the ladies atoning for the lack of the men. The scenery and dresses are very admirable, and as a cheerful skit on "Women's War Work" it is most amusing. Sybil Arundale, as a sort of leader, is very captivating, and she renders several excellent numbers in her usual attractive style; and a gem of a character sketch as an over-worked "skibby" comes from Miss Gracie Vivat. Beatie and Babs, who have a joint interpolated part, are very prominent, and the effusive comedy of this clever young couple is warmly applauded. The orchestra is ably directed by Miss Emmie Thomas.

Winifred Ward, an established favourite in Stratford, is well to the fore with a killed number, "Oh, Lizette," and elicits much applause with "The goose step." Nash and Noel prove very entertaining, and are well received.

Mr. Ted Le Roy would give a substantial sum to a musical charity if he could acquire information that would lead to the detection of the cowardly miscreant who recently sent him two libellous post-cards, making accusations against him and his wife which those who know his happy family life and his love for his children would count as ridiculous.

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Two sets, Anywhere Up the River, a scene of swan beauty, and The Chinese Ballroom at Cannes Court, a vision of mellow tones and soft lights, may be particularly singled out for praise.

As the hero, Jack Dale, Mr. Harry Welchman is seen in a part which is obviously to his liking. Mr. Welchman's abilities in this line of business are well known, and he played his part in a light and engaging manner. His excellent singing voice was shown to good advantage in two well-contrasted numbers, "Every girl is my girl" and "Down in China Town." Marie Coyne was entrusted to the capable hands of Miss Marie Kaye, who is the possessor of a pleasant voice, and who is, moreover, a dancer of more than average ability. One of her songs, "Marry," proved to be quite the gem of the piece, and she also scored well in a capital duet with Mr. Welchman. "Sprinkle me with kisses." The chief burden of the comedy business falls on the shoulders of Mr. Charles Emerald as Binks, and whether as a servant, railway porter, or uncle à la Charlie Chaplin, he contrived to keep his audience in a state of unexpressed merriment. Miss Gerlie Lee as Mabel captivated everyone with her rich and musical voice; and Miss Doris Stewart as Iris Poppy gave an amusing portrayal of a country lass. Mr. Frank Harris as the Argentine millionaire, Mr. Edward Darling as Algy the Nut, and Mr. Syd Wheeler as the broker's man, contributed their respective shares to the fun, and with a large beauty chorus working under the baton of Mr. Arthur Cowan, the whole show goes with a sparkle and swing which augurs well for its success.

Miss Aimee Roberts, the universally popular soubrette and mimic, opened with immense success at the Tivoli, Capetown, last Saturday night.

Sir Herbert Tree started his series of patriotic lectures by addressing the miners at Newport (Mon.) last Friday. He will be even more patriotically "rousing" in his address on "The Importance of Honour in Tragedy," which he will deliver at Birmingham to-morrow as President of the local Midland Institute.

Owing to the non-arrival of the Lord Chamberlain's licence, "The Creole Belle" was not produced at the Pavilion, Stafford, on Monday evening, the company appearing in a vaudeville show. The production will probably be given during the week.

The "Music in Wartime" Committee is doing excellent work throughout the country arranging and providing camp and hospital concerts. Between 500 and 600 entertainments have been given already, and money will be welcomed to extend the work. Sir Hubert Parry's organising committee aims primarily to give employment to artists and soloists, and so relieve the distress among musicians, which has been very marked and widespread.

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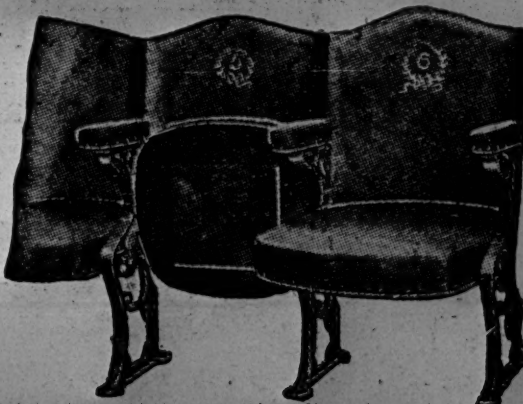
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